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DEAR JOE,
PLEASE ENROLL ME AS A MEMBER OF THE **SHIELD G-MAN CLUB**. I AM ENCLOSING THIS COUPON TOGETHER WITH TEN CENTS TO COVER THE COSTS OF HANDLING AND MAILING MY BADGE AND IDENTIFICATION CARD.

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BULLETIN # 9

A million thanks, gang, from the Hangman and myself because of your sensational response to those cards we sent out to each of our G-Man Club members telling you about the new SPECIAL COMICS. Those answers are still pouring in and you've got the Hangman and me working overtime reading them—but we love it.

You can expect another card from us pretty soon giving you an inside tip on a new character in the next issue of TOP NOTCH COMICS. The BLACK HOOD said he is not going to let you know just yet who he is. He doesn't want to spoil the swell surprise in store for you. In fact he refuses to tell me also. For a solid half hour he had me in his place and kept talking about this strange character. Boy, trying to pry a secret out of that guy is like getting blood out of a turnip. Anyway, he certainly has me all hopped up. I'll be looking forward with just as much eagerness as you will for that June TOP NOTCH.

Just one last thought before we close this month's letter. It is about Ace Elworthy's keen idea for local Shield G-Man Clubs to be organized in different cities; each club to keep in touch with one another. Ace suggests that these clubs ought to be organized really efficiently with Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, etc. He even suggests dues from the club members. That last part, of course, is entirely up to yourselves. But the idea, in the main, sounds grand to us. I can't think of a better way to spread friendship and goodwill among all our members and to bring us all a little closer together. Besides, it should prove a lot of fun.

Another thing, how about using those extra dimes for government stamps. REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR.

Joe Higgins (The Shield)

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THE ONE AND ONLY
SHIELD
WITH DUSTY
THE BOY DETECTIVE
AS THE DREAD HOUR OF MIDNIGHT APPROACHES CARRYING DEATH IN ITS WAKE, A MAN SITS IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR WAITING FOR A MILLION VOLTS TO SHOCK THE LIFE OUT OF HIS TREMBLING BODY-A MAN WHOM THE SHIELD HAS SWORN TO PROVE INNOCENT AND HAS SEEMINGLY FAILED!
BY IRVING NOWLIK
JUST A MATTER OF SECONDS NOW BEFORE I GIVE HIM THE JUICE!
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE -
SECONDS TO GO! 30-20.. SECONDS TICKING AWAY A HUMAN LIFE: PERHAPS AN INNOCENT ONE-

NOW, BUT TEN SECONDS TO LIVE... TEN SECONDS WHICH TO A MAN DOOMED TO DIE ARE TEN ETERNITIES! AND THROUGH HIS TORTURED BRAIN PASS IN SWIFT SUCCESSION, THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THIS FATAL MOMENT!

IT ALL BEGAN THAT NIGHT WHEN I, BILL WAYNE, HAD THAT QUARREL WITH MY EDITOR-

YOU GET OUT OF THIS OFFICE, WAYNE, AND STAY OUT - YOU'RE FIRED!

THAT SUITS ME FINE - I'M SICK AND TIRED OF YOU AND YOUR PAPER!

BLANKETY-BLANK FATHEAD!

(SNIFF-SNIFF) I SMELL SOMETHING BURNING, THE EDITOR JUMP ON YOU AGAIN, WAYNE?

I'M GONNA GET PLASTERED AND FORGET ABOUT IT - THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA DO!

WELL, IF IT ISN'T DETECTIVE RONSON. SIT DOWN AND HAVE A DRINK!

HELLO, WAYNE

DROWNING SORROWS, WAYNE?

SOMEBODY ELSE I'D LIKE TO DROWN - THAT RAT, BROWN, MY EDITOR!

TEN YEARSH I SLAVED FER HIM (HIC) NOW I GET THE BUM'SH RUSH...'N FER NO REASHON AT ALL (HIC)!
SHOME DAY I'LL GET EVEN (HIC)-YOU WAIT'N SHEE! (HIC)
SURE, SURE. RIGHT NOW YOU'D BETTER GO ON HOME - I'LL PUT YOU IN A CAB!
HERE WE ARE, FELLA! NOW YOU GO RIGHT UP-STAIRS. TOMORROW THINGS'LL LOOK BETTER!
SHAY-WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY HOUSE! (HIC) GET OUT!
YOUR HOUSE? WHY YOU STEW POT THIS IS MY OFFICE AND YOU KNOW IT!
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN WHEEDLE YOUR JOB BACK, YOU'RE CRAZY! NOW, GET OUT!
SUDDENLY-
BAM!
WHEN WAYNE REGAINS CONSCIOUSNESS
WHO..WH-WHAT HAPPENED.
PLENTY! I HEARD A SHOT AND HUSTLED UP HERE. BROTHER, YOU'VE GOT A LOT TO EXPLAIN!
THAT'S BROWN, MY EDITOR! WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM? WHERE'D I GET THIS GUN?
BROWN'S DEAD! SHOT WITH THAT GUN I FOUND IN YOUR HAND - STILL SMOKING WHEN I GOT HERE!
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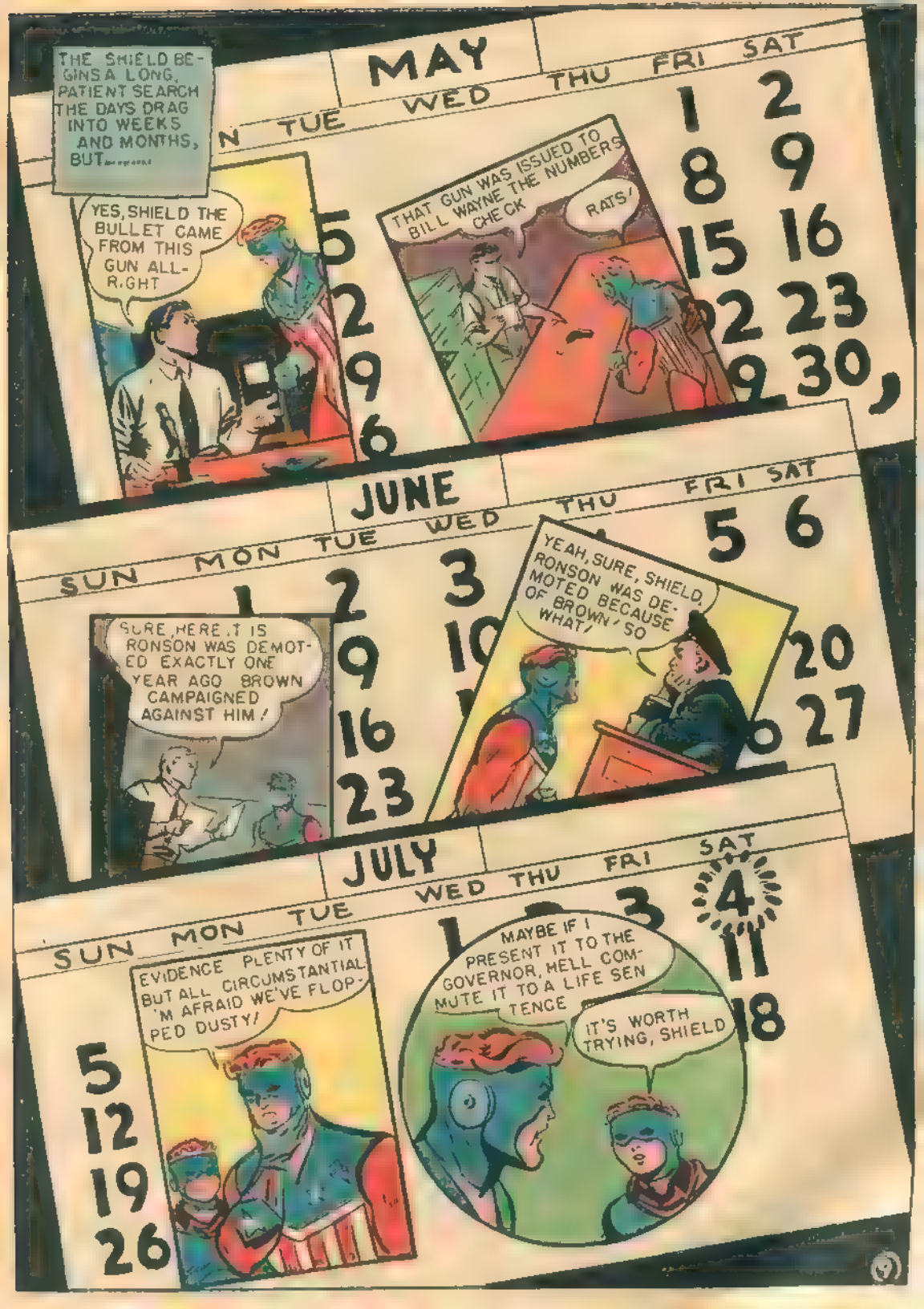
OFF HAND, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU KILLED HIM IN A DRUNKEN BRAWL! ONLY THING I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS HOW YOU GOT THAT "R" ON YOUR JAW! EVIDENTLY YOU WERE SOCKED!
BROWN HAD NOTHING IN HIS HAND THAT COULD HAVE MADE THAT IMPRESSION!.. HELLO - LOOKS LIKE MORE COMPANY! HELLO, RONSON!
HELLO, SHIELD! I WAS TALKING WITH OFFICER JONES WHEN WE HEARD A SHOT! WHO DID IT?
WAYNE, I GUESS!
HMM! SO YOU CAME BACK HERE AFTER I TOOK YOU HOME AND KEPT YOUR THREAT, EH WAYNE? OKAY - COME ALONG!
LATER IN HIS CELL, WAYNE IS VISITED BY THE SHIELD AND DUSTY -
BUT I TELL YOU I DON'T REMEMBER A THING, SHIELD!
I KNOW, WAYNE! I JUST WANT TO GET A PICTURE OF THAT MARK ON YOUR JAW!
R
JUST SIT TIGHT, WAYNE ... THERE'S SOMETHING FISHY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING... AND IF YOU'RE INNOCENT I'M GOING TO PROVE IT!
THANKS A LOT SHIELD!

BUT THE WEEKS PASS BY WITH NO WORD FROM THE SHIELD UNTIL THE DAY OF THE TRIAL ARRIVES, AND,
WILLIAM WAYNE, I SENTENCE YOU TO DIE IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR!
THE TEN SECONDS ARE UP! AND THE EXECUTIONER'S HAND PREPARES TO DIM THE MEMORIES IN THAT TORTURED BRAIN FOR ALL ETERNITY!
SUDDENLY------
NO, YOU DON'T!
THE SHIELD! WHAT THE DEVIL DO YOU MEAN INTERFERING WITH THIS EXECUTION!
NOT SO FAST, WARDEN! I HAVE A REPRIEVE FROM THE GOVERNOR.
YOU'LL FIND OUT AT THE TRIAL!
HMM!... SO IT IS!...AND A NEW TRIAL, TOO! WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT SHIELD?
THE NEW TRIAL BEGINS
THE SHIELD! TAKE THE STAND!
DON'T WORRY, BILL! IT'S A CINCH!

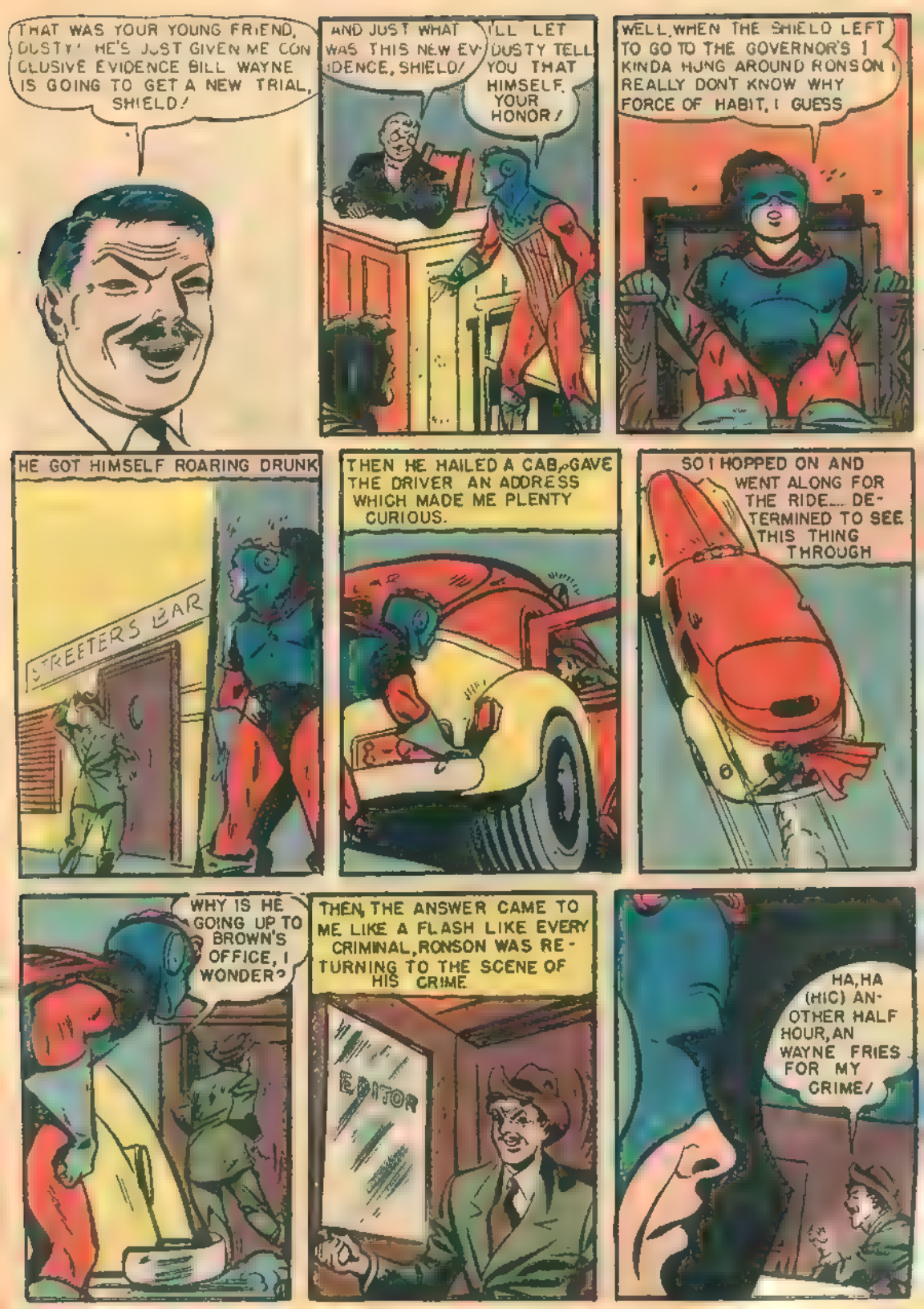
THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TAKES OVER.
AND NOW, SHIELD JUST WHAT IS THIS BOMB-SHELL YOU'VE BEEN HINTING AT?
JUST THAT I REALLY KNOW THE REAL MURDERER!
AND THERE HE IS! ..GEORGE RONSON, THE DETECTIVE
WHAT!
ULP!
IT'S A LIE. I HAD NOTHING AGAINST BROWN HE CAN'T PROVE A THING!
THE HECK HE CAN'T RONSON!
DIDN'T EXPECT TO ME SEE ALIVE, EH RONSON?
OH! OH! MUSTN'T TRY TO RUN AWAY!
SEE WHAT I MEAN!
THAT'S FOR TOSSING ME OUT OF A WINDOW, IN CASE YOU FORGOT

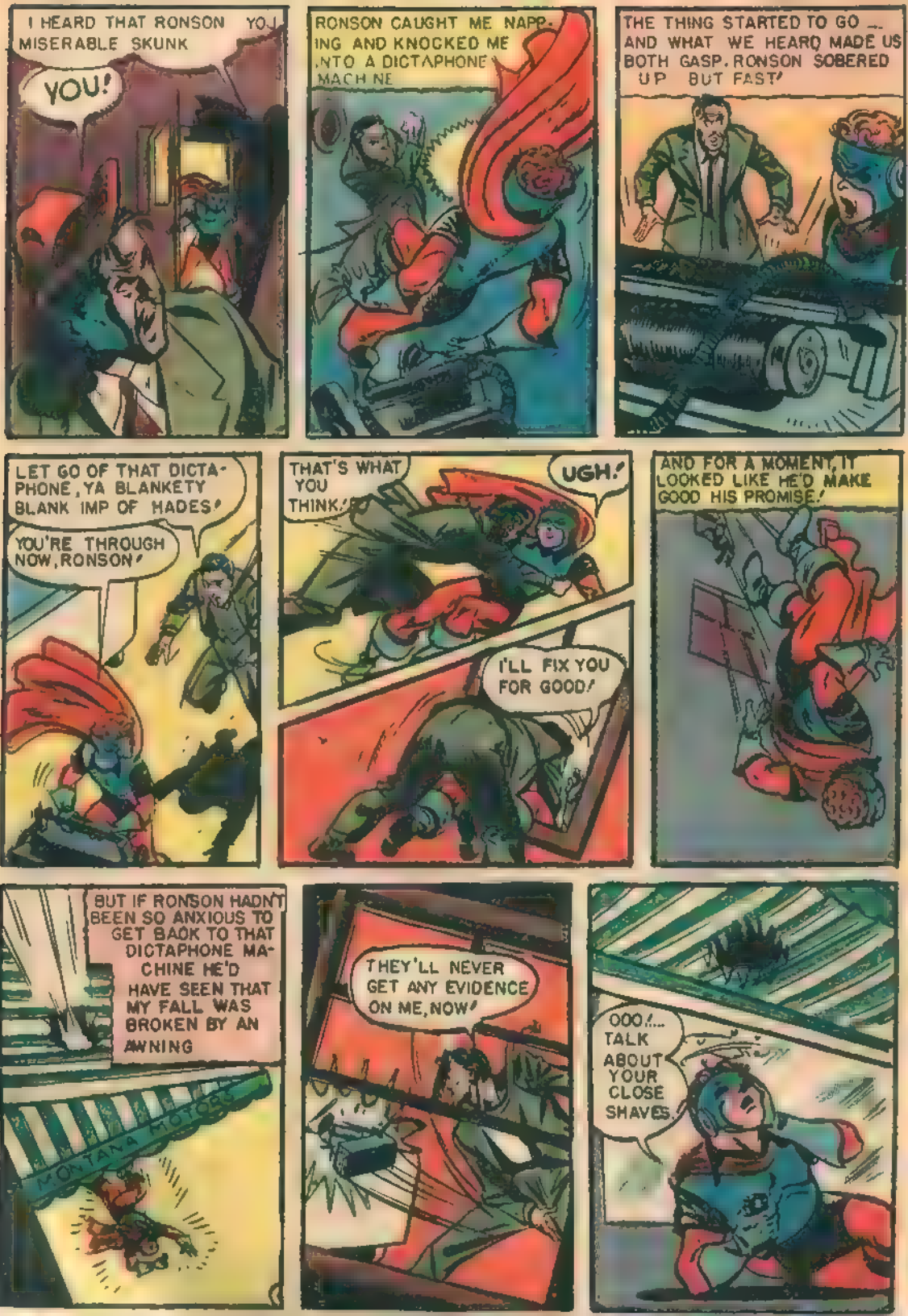
I.ER..DON'T THINK MR. RONSON WILL GIVE US ANY MORE TROUBLE, LAD/
THE SHIELD TELLS HIS STORY
WELL YOUR HONOR WE WENT TO SEE BILL WAYNE AFTER HE WAS CONVICTED.
I SUSPECTED SOMETHING FISHY RIGHT FROM THE FIRST. THAT'S WHY I PHOTOGRAPHED THAT "R" ON HIS CHIN/
JUST RELAX, BILL. WE'LL GET YOU OUT OF THIS.
DUSTY/... GET THIS. WAYNE'S KAYOED BY SOMEONE WEARING A RING WITH AN R. AND BROWN HAD NO SUCH RING/
THEN RONSON COMES ALONG VERY CONVENIENTLY FOR THE ARREST/... DOES THAT ADD UP, KID?
YOU BET/ AND THE ANSWER IS RONSON./
THE SHIELD/ WHAT DO YOU WANT.
WE JUST WANT TO HAVE A LOOK AT YOUR RING FINGER.

WITH AQUICK GESTURE THE SHIELD RIPS THE RING FROM RONSON'S FINGER.
THIS IS IT ALL RIGHT.
R
COME ON RONSON, CONFESS. YOU KILLED BROWN, DIDN'T YOU?
STUBBORN EH?
UGH!
OOUH!
TALK...WHILE YOU'RE STILL ABLE RONSON.
WELL, RONSON! WHAT DO YOU SAY?
YOU...YOU CAN'T STRONG-ARM (PUFF, PUFF) ME SHIELD! (PUFF) DON'T KNOW NOTHING.
PHEW!....HE MAY BE A RAT, BUT HE'S A TOUGH ONE. LET'S GO, DUSTY.
OUTSIDE
ONLY THING TO DO NOW DUSTY IS TO CHECK ON RONSON'S EVERY MOVE UP UNTIL THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER. HE MUST HAVE SLIPPED SOMEWHERE ALONG THE LINE!


THE SHIELD BEGINS A LONG, PATIENT SEARCH THE DAYS DRAG INTO WEEKS AND MONTHS, BUT.....
MAY
SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT
YES, SHIELD THE BULLET CAME FROM THIS GUN ALL-R.GHT
THAT GUN WAS ISSUED TO BILL WAYNE THE NUMBERS CHECK
RATS!
JUNE
SURE, HERE.T IS RONSON WAS DEMOT-ED EXACTLY ONE YEAR AGO BROWN CAMPAIGNED AGAINST HIM!
YEAH, SURE, SHIELD, RONSON WAS DE-MOTED BECAUSE OF BROWN / SO WHAT!
JULY
EVIDENCE PLENTY OF IT BUT ALL CIRCUMSTANTIAL 'M AFRAID WE'VE FLOP-PED DUSTY!
MAYBE IF I PRESENT IT TO THE GOVERNOR, HELL COM-MUTE IT TO A LIFE SEN TENCE
IT'S WORTH TRYING, SHIELD

AND SO OFF RACES THE SHIELD— AS THE ZERO HOUR APPROACHES
HERE IT IS! THE GOVERNORS' MANSION.
I'M SORRY, SIR BUT YOU CAN'T SEE THE GOVERNOR WITHOUT AN APPOINTMENT
AFRAID I HAVE TO DISAGREE WITH YOU, PAL
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BARGING IN HERE LIKE THIS?
I'M SORRY, SIR, BUT THERE IS NO TIME FOR FORMALITIES, AN INNOCENT MAN IS ABOUT TO BE KILLED!
QUICKLY THE SHIELD PRESENTS THE EVIDENCE
AND THAT'S WHY I'M POSITIVE AN INNOCENT MAN IS SENTENCED TO DIE!
I'M SORRY, SHIELD. WAYNE'S BEEN TRIED BY TWELVE GOOD MEN, AND ON THE BASIS OF THIS EVIDENCE, I CAN'T..... EXCUSE ME!
WH_ WHAT? WHAT'S THAT YES, YES, I'M LISTENING. ....


THAT WAS YOUR YOUNG FRIEND, DUSTY! HE'S JUST GIVEN ME CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE BILL WAYNE IS GOING TO GET A NEW TRIAL, SHIELD!
AND JUST WHAT WAS THIS NEW EVIDENCE, SHIELD?
I'LL LET DUSTY TELL YOU THAT HIMSELF, YOUR HONOR!
WELL, WHEN THE SHIELD LEFT TO GO TO THE GOVERNOR'S I KINDA HUNG AROUND RONSON I REALLY DONT KNOW WHY FORCE OF HABIT, I GUESS
HE GOT HIMSELF ROARING DRUNK
STREETERS BAR
THEN HE HAILED A CAB, GAVE THE DRIVER AN ADDRESS WHICH MADE ME PLENTY CURIOUS.
SO I HOPPED ON AND WENT ALONG FOR THE RIDE.... DETERMINED TO SEE THIS THING THROUGH
WHY IS HE GOING UP TO BROWN'S OFFICE, I WONDER?
THEN, THE ANSWER CAME TO ME LIKE A FLASH LIKE EVERY CRIMINAL, RONSON WAS RETURNING TO THE SCENE OF HIS CRIME
EDITOR
HA, HA (HIC) ANOTHER HALF HOUR, AN WAYNE FRIES FOR MY CRIME!


I HEARD THAT RONSON YOU MISERABLE SKUNK
YOU!
RONSON CAUGHT ME NAPPING AND KNOCKED ME INTO A DICTAPHONE MACHINE
THE THING STARTED TO GO ... AND WHAT WE HEARD MADE US BOTH GASP. RONSON SOBERED UP BUT FAST!
LET GO OF THAT DICTAPHONE, YA BLANKETY BLANK IMP OF HADES!
YOU'RE THROUGH NOW, RONSON!
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK!
UGH!
I'LL FIX YOU FOR GOOD!
AND FOR A MOMENT, IT LOOKED LIKE HE'D MAKE GOOD HIS PROMISE!
BUT IF RONSON HADN'T BEEN SO ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO THAT DICTAPHONE MACHINE HE'D HAVE SEEN THAT MY FALL WAS BROKEN BY AN AWNING
MONTANA MOTORS
THEY'LL NEVER GET ANY EVIDENCE ON ME, NOW!
OOO!... TALK ABOUT YOUR CLOSE SHAVES.

I MADE MY WAY TO A DICTAPHONE STORE....WITH THE RECORD I'D MANAGED TO SAVE....
NOBODY IN...SO I'LL HAVE TO USE MY MASTER-KEY/
I GOT THAT RECORD ON ONE OF THE DICTAPHONES, THEN I CALLED THE GOVERNOR'S/
HURRY, OPERATOR/ IT'S LIFE OR DEATH/
SAY YOUR PRAYERS, BROWN/
DON'T KILL ME RONSON. DON'T
BANG
NOW I'LL STICK THIS ROD IN WAYNE'S HAND, AND BEAT IT/
YOU SEE YOUR HONOR/... THAT DICTAPHONE WAS GOING THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER.
ALLRIGHT/ YOU'VE GOT ME/
BUT NOT ALIVE/
THERE, YOUR HONOR, IS THE MOST CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF WAYNE'S INNOCENCE/
YES CASE AGAINST WILLIAM WAYNE IS DISMISSED/
SH.ELD/ I....I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU/
DON'T TRY WAYNE JUST STAY SOBER, FROM NOW ON
HA, HA, HA/
HERE'S A SCOOP FOR YOU, GANG. THE NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS OF THE TREACHEROUS JAP ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR/....REMEMBER PEARL HARBOR EH/...YOU'LL NEVER FORGET IT AFTER YOU READ HOW STEEL STERLING DESPERATELY TRIED TO AVERT THE CATASTROPHE IN THE MAY ISSUE OF.....
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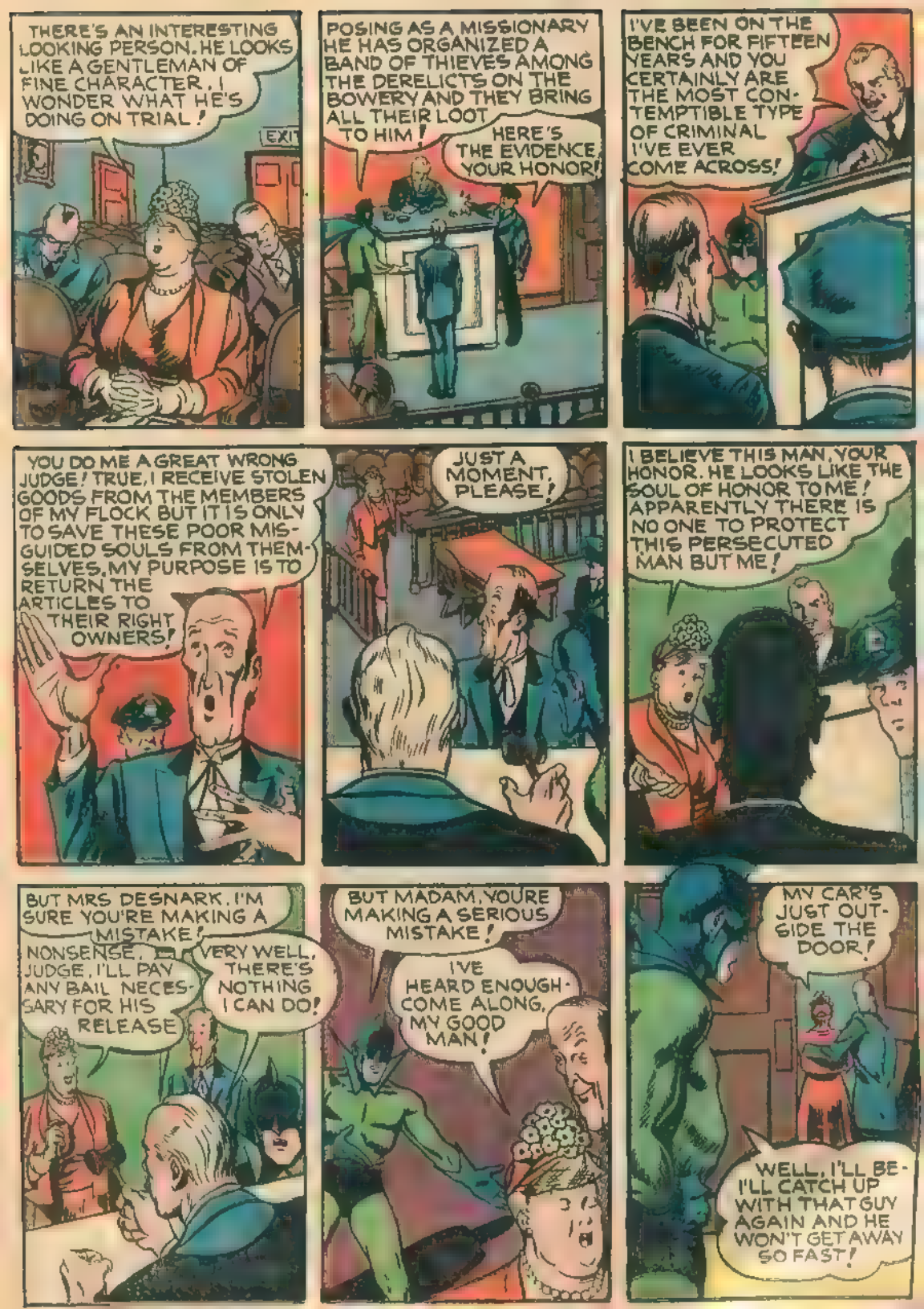
THE HANGMAN
THE SCENE — A BOWERY MISSION SUPPOSEDLY, A REFUGE FOR THE WEARY DERELICTS A HARMLESS SETTING, ONE WOULD THINK. CERTAINLY NOT THE PLACE YOU'D EXPECT TO FIND THE HANGMAN! HMM --- THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE MISSIONARY !--- BUT YOU WILL!--- INDEED, YOU WILL!
IN THE MOTLEY CONGREGATION ARE BOB DICKERING AND THELMA GORDON ON A SLUMMING TOUR
MY SUCH RELIGIOUS FERVOR!
HEAR ME O LORD

NOW BRETHREN, THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE A CONTRIBUTION TO MAIKE, WILL SEE ME AFTER THE SERVICE
RENDER UNTO THE LORD THAT WHICH HATH BEEN GIVEN YOU THIS DAY
THATS AN ODD WAY TO GET CONTRIBUTIONS-ASKING THEM TO SEE HIM AFTER THE SERVICE. THINK, I'LL HAVE A LOOK!!
YE HAVE RECEIVED IN ABUNDANCE NOW MAKE YOUR OFFERING TO A SERVANT OF THE LORD.
FROM THE DERELICT'S POCKETS POUR THE FRUITS OF A DAY'S THIEVERY.
AHEM--- THAT IS A WORTHY GEM BROTHER, A TRULY WORTHY GEM.
HAS EVERYONE MADE HIS FULL CONTRIBUTION?---- REMEMBER THE LORD CAN BE VERY WRATHFUL WITH DOUBLE CROSSERS!
GREAT SCOT!---A MISSIONARY AT THE HEAD OF A RING OF THIEVES WHAT A FANTASTIC SET-UP!!
ER---AHEM---HERE'S SOMETHING I ALMOST FORGOT ABOUT, PREACHER, HA, HA!

ULP--- D--DROPPED SOME OF MY OWN MONEY
HIS OWN MONEY, EH!---- I'LL HAVE A CHAT WITH BROTHER THOMAS SOON! HIS SOUL NEEDS A GREAT DEAL OF RE-VIVING INDEED IT DOES!
THANK YOU, BRETHREN YOU HAVE DONE WELL IN THE SERVICE OF THE LORD
JUST A MINUTE, BROTHER THOMAS. I'D LIKE A WORD WITH YOU.
THIS BRACELET! IT IS NOT A VERY GOOD ONE, IS IT?
GEE PREACHER IT WUZ DE BEST I COULD DO---- PICKIN'S AIN'T SO GOOD LATELY!
ARE YOU SURE, BROTHER? HOW ABOUT THAT MONEY YOU HAVE.
IT--IT'S MY OWN, PREACHER! H----- HONEST!
Peace
FILTHY LOUT!----- VENGEANCE IS THE LORD'S---- FOR DOUBLE-CROSSERS!
AAAGH!
SUDDENLY ----
THE HANGMAN!!

VENGEANCE IS ALSO THE HANGMAN'S MISSIONARY--FOR MURDERERS AND THIEVES.
YOU SPEAK IN HASTE HANGMAN!!
UGH!
THIS IS YOUR FINAL HOUR, HANGMAN. TOO BAD I CAN'T PRAY FOR YOU.
SAVE YOUR PRAYERS, YOU PSALM--- SINGING-- FAKER---
---FOR YOURSELF YOU'LL NEED THEM!
NOW EXPLAIN ABOUT THESE JEWELS.
THEY'RE DONATIONS FROM MY PARISHIONERS!
THAT'S YOUR STORY--- AND YOU'RE STUCK WITH IT!--- C'MON!----

GOOD HEAVENS! HANGMAN WHAT'S HAPPENED?
I'VE JUST BAGGED A VERY UNUSUAL CROOK, THELMA!
---AND I'M TAKING HIM TO THE POLICE---- TAXI!!
AT THE POLICE STATION THE HANGMAN TELLS HIS UNUSUAL STORY.
---AND HE INSISTS THEY'RE CONTRIBUTIONS.
THEY ARE!
TAKE A LOOK AT THESE "CONTRIBUTIONS" DONATED BY DERELICTS WHO HAVEN'T EVEN GOT COFFEE MONEY!
HMM--- I'LL HAVE HIM PUT ON TRIAL RIGHT AWAY!
AT THAT MOMENT OUTSIDE -----
HERGS THE NIGHT COURT! STOP!! JAMES.
MAUDE ER--- T'S RATHER LATE, YOU KNOW AND----
QUIET HENRY!! IT'S NEVER TOO LATER FOR MY CHARITABLE EFFORTS!--- YOU KNOW THAT!
YES, MY DEAR!
NOW YOU WAIT HERE!---I'LL BE OUT AS SOON AS I'VE HELPED SOME POOR UNFORTUNATE SOUL.
YES MY DEAR!
HSST! HERE COMES THE MILLIONAIRE SCREWBALL, JOE!---WONDER WHAT CROOK SHE'LL GIVE A HANDOUT TONIGHT!
JOHN WEEMS, MISSIONARY CHARGED WITH ROBBERY, EXTORTION AND ATTEMPTED MURDER.


THERE'S AN INTERESTING LOOKING PERSON. HE LOOKS LIKE A GENTLEMAN OF FINE CHARACTER. I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING ON TRIAL!
EXIT
POSING AS A MISSIONARY HE HAS ORGANIZED A BAND OF THIEVES AMONG THE DERELICTS ON THE BOWERY AND THEY BRING ALL THEIR LOOT TO HIM!
HERE'S THE EVIDENCE, YOUR HONOR!
I'VE BEEN ON THE BENCH FOR FIFTEEN YEARS AND YOU CERTAINLY ARE THE MOST CONTEMPTIBLE TYPE OF CRIMINAL I'VE EVER COME ACROSS!
YOU DO ME A GREAT WRONG JUDGE! TRUE, I RECEIVE STOLEN GOODS FROM THE MEMBERS OF MY FLOCK BUT IT IS ONLY TO SAVE THESE POOR MISGUIDED SOULS FROM THEMSELVES. MY PURPOSE IS TO RETURN THE ARTICLES TO THEIR RIGHT OWNERS!
JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE!
I BELIEVE THIS MAN, YOUR HONOR. HE LOOKS LIKE THE SOUL OF HONOR TO ME! APPARENTLY THERE IS NO ONE TO PROTECT THIS PERSECUTED MAN BUT ME!
BUT MRS DESNARK, I'M SURE YOU'RE MAKING A MISTAKE!
NONSENSE, JUDGE, I'LL PAY ANY BAIL NECESSARY FOR HIS RELEASE
VERY WELL, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!
BUT MADAM, YOU'RE MAKING A SERIOUS MISTAKE!
I'VE HEARD ENOUGH - COME ALONG, MY GOOD MAN!
MY CAR'S JUST OUTSIDE THE DOOR!
WELL, I'LL BE - I'LL CATCH UP WITH THAT GUY AGAIN AND HE WON'T GET AWAY SO FAST!

YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE NEED FOR CHARITY AMONG MY FLOCK! WOULD YOU MIND STOPPING AT THE CORNER A MOMENT ?
YOU CAN COUNT ON ME TO HELP YOU. I HAVE MANY WEALTHY FRIENDS!
DON'T BE LONG, NOW! I HAVE A GREAT DEAL TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT!
I'LL BE BUT A MOMENT, GOOD SISTER. I HAVE AN ERRAND OF MERCY TO PERFORM!
HMM, IT LOOKS LIKE PROSPERITY IS ABOUT TO RAIN INTO MY SORELY DEPLETED COFFERS!
BUT NOW TO MAKE BROTHER THOMAS SEE THE LIGHT!
THIS IS HIS HUMBLE ABODE!
UPSTAIRS, IN ONE OF THE APARTMENTS... IMAGINE THAT PHONY THINKING I WAS GONNA GIVE HIM ALL THE JACK!
SO MY STRAYING MEMBER HAS NO TRUST IN HIS FELLOW MAN, EH ?
HOLD ON, BROTHER THOMAS YOU CAN HIDE NOTHING FROM THE EYES OF THE LORD!
HAND IT OVER, BROTHER!
KEEP AWAY FROM ME - THIS IS MINE. YOU AIN'T GONNA GET ANY PART OF IT!
I WARNED YOU, FOOL! NOW YOU MEET YOUR MAKER.
ARRGH!

STUPID LOUT - HE'LL NEVER DOUBLE CROSS ANYONE ELSE!
COME, WONDERFUL GREENBACKS, UNTO ONE WHO HAS GOOD USE FOR YOU!
GOOD BYE, BROTHER, PEACE BE WITH THY SOUL!
SOON AFTER -
MAYBE I CAN CATCH THAT LOAFER, THOMAS, IN NOW. HE'S BEHIND IN HIS RENT AGAIN!
HE DOESN'T ANSWER. I'LL TRY THE DOOR - I'LL HAVE NONE OF HIS TRICKS!
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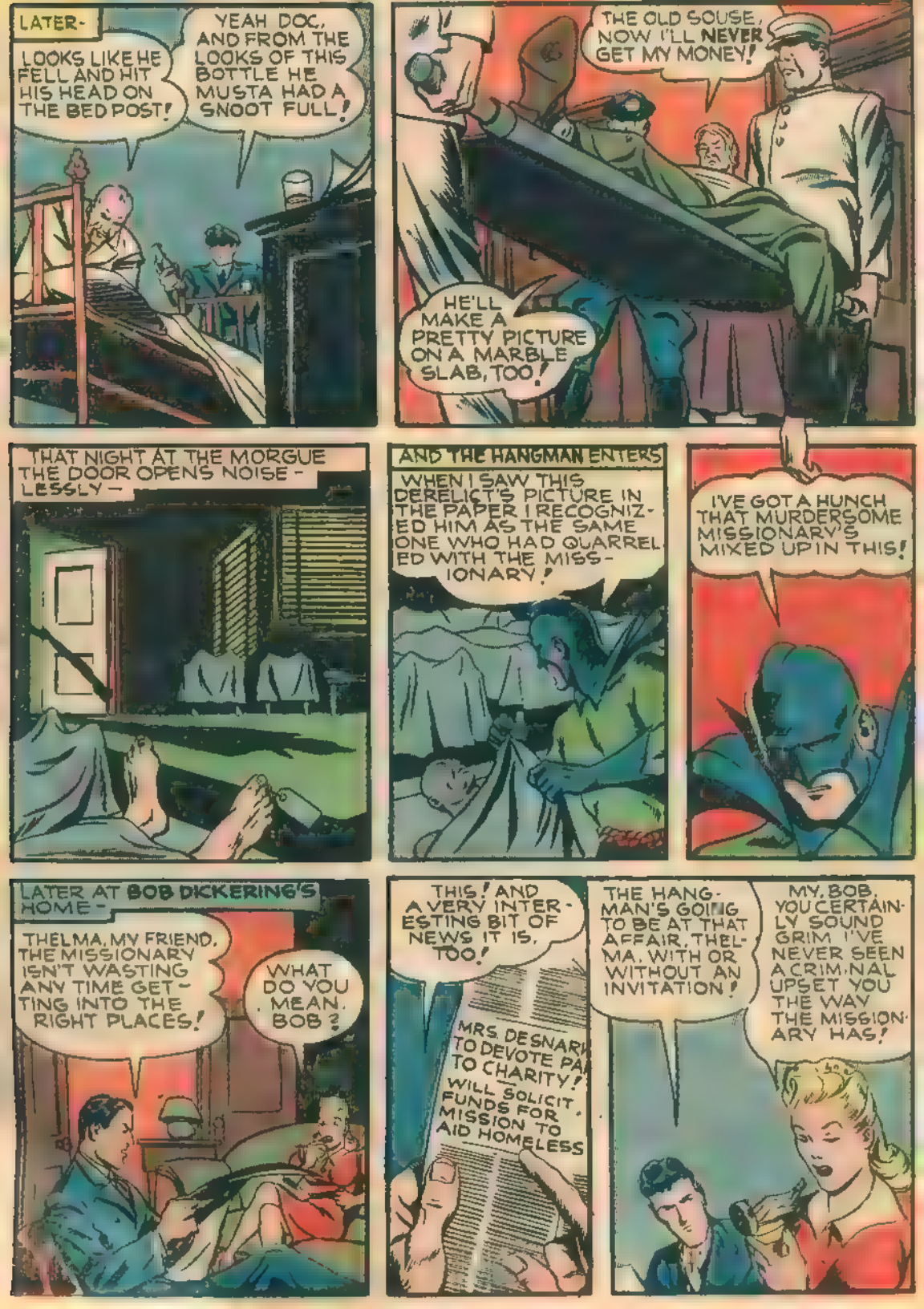
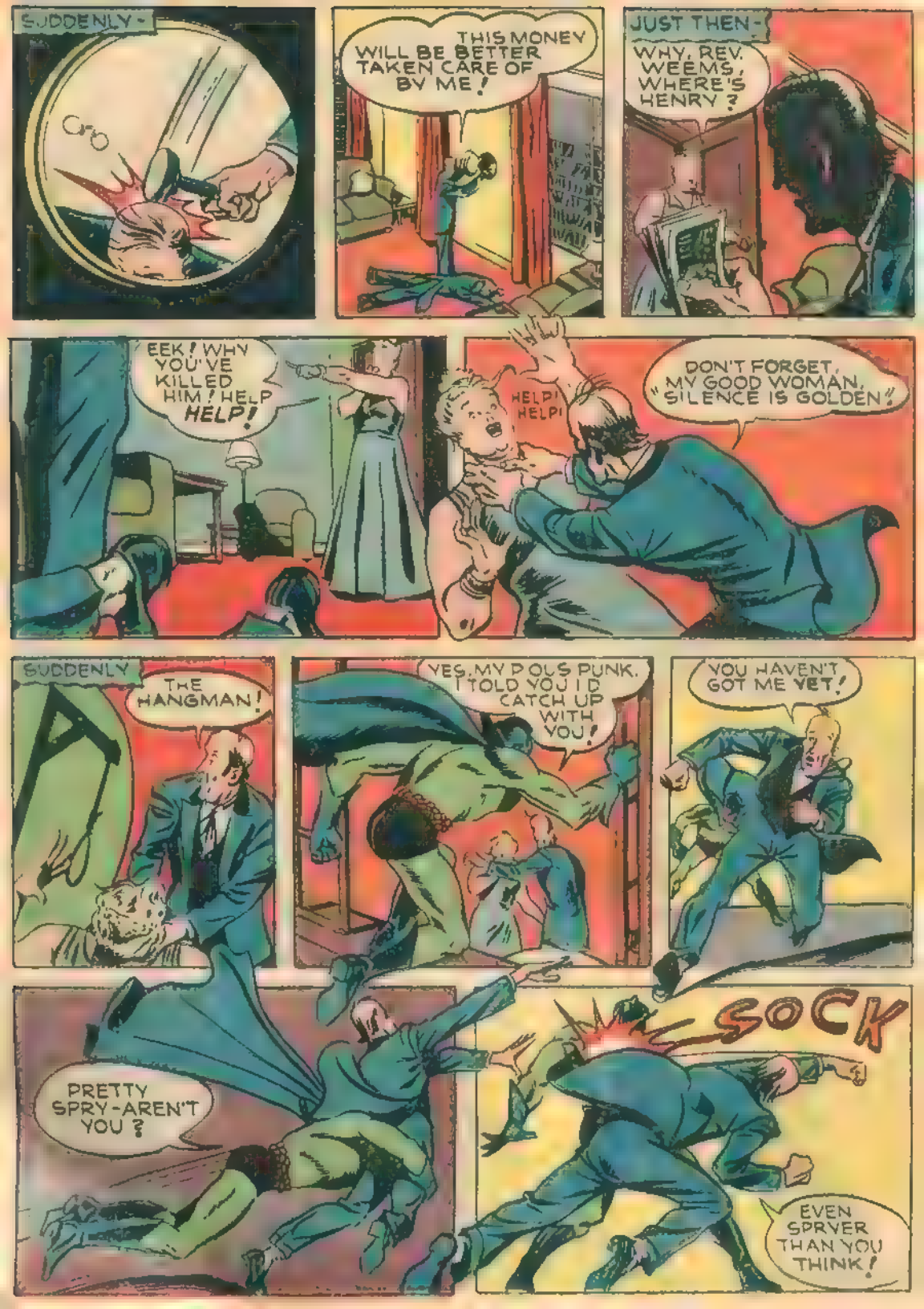
SAINTS PRESERVE US, HE'S DEAD!
MEANWHILE -
AH, MY PATRON ANGEL AWAITS PATIENTLY!
NOW, I CAN COME ALONG WITH A CLEAR CONSCIENCE. I HAVE GIVEN ONE OF MY POOR UNFORTUNATE BRETHREN MUCH DESERVED PEACE!
YOU HAVE SUCH A FINE SOUL!
LET'S GET HOME, DEAR!
I'M GIVING A PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT FOR SOME OF MY FRIENDS! I'M CERTAIN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BENEFIT YOUR CAUSE GREATLY THERE!


LATER-
LOOKS LIKE HE FELL AND HIT HIS HEAD ON THE BED POST!
YEAH DOC, AND FROM THE LOOKS OF THIS BOTTLE HE MUSTA HAD A SNOOT FULL!
THE OLD SOUSE, NOW I'LL NEVER GET MY MONEY!
HE'LL MAKE A PRETTY PICTURE ON A MARBLE SLAB, TOO!
THAT NIGHT AT THE MORGUE THE DOOR OPENS NOISE-LESSLY-
AND THE HANGMAN ENTERS
WHEN I SAW THIS DERELICT'S PICTURE IN THE PAPER I RECOGNIZ-ED HIM AS THE SAME ONE WHO HAD QUARREL-ED WITH THE MISS-IONARY!
I'VE GOT A HUNCH THAT MURDERSOME MISSIONARY'S MIXED UP IN THIS!
LATER AT BOB DICKERING'S HOME-
THELMA, MY FRIEND, THE MISSIONARY ISN'T WASTING ANY TIME GET-TING INTO THE RIGHT PLACES!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, BOB?
THIS! AND A VERY INTER-ESTING BIT OF NEWS IT IS, TOO!
MRS. DESNARD TO DEVOTE PA TO CHARITY! WILL SOLICIT FUNDS FOR MISSION TO AID HOMELESS
THE HANG-MAN'S GOING TO BE AT THAT AFFAIR, THEL-MA, WITH OR WITHOUT AN INVITATION!
MY, BOB, YOU CERTAIN-LY SOUND GRIM I'VE NEVER SEEN A CRIM-NAL UPSET YOU THE WAY THE MISSION-ARY HAS!

AT THE DESNARK HOME
QUAINT IDEA - TAKING A COLLECTION FOR DERELICTS, ISN'T IT?
HERE HE IS, GIRLS - THE REV. JOHN WEEMS!
MY, HE'S CUTE!
ISN'T HE ADORABLE!
WHEN I SEE SO MANY KIND FACES ABOUT ME, I BEGIN TO REALIZE HOW MUCH GOODNESS THERE IS IN THIS WORLD. I KNOW YOU SHALL PROVE YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARD MY LESS FORTUNATE FLOCK, TONIGHT.
ALRIGHT, PEOPLE, I'LL START THE DONATIONS WITH THIS 100 DOLLAR BILL - WHO'S NEXT?
THE LORD WILL NEVER FORGET YOU, SISTER - HAPPINESS AND GOOD LUCK WILL FOLLOW YOU ALWAYS!
I'LL LET MY HUSBAND TAKE CARE OF THIS. NO NEED TO TROUBLE YOU WITH MERE FINANCES!
WILL YOU EXCUSE ME, GOOD SISTER? I THINK I SHOULD TAKE A BREATH OF AIR!
CERTAINLY!
MEANWHILE -
DARN MAUDE AND HER SILLY IDEAS!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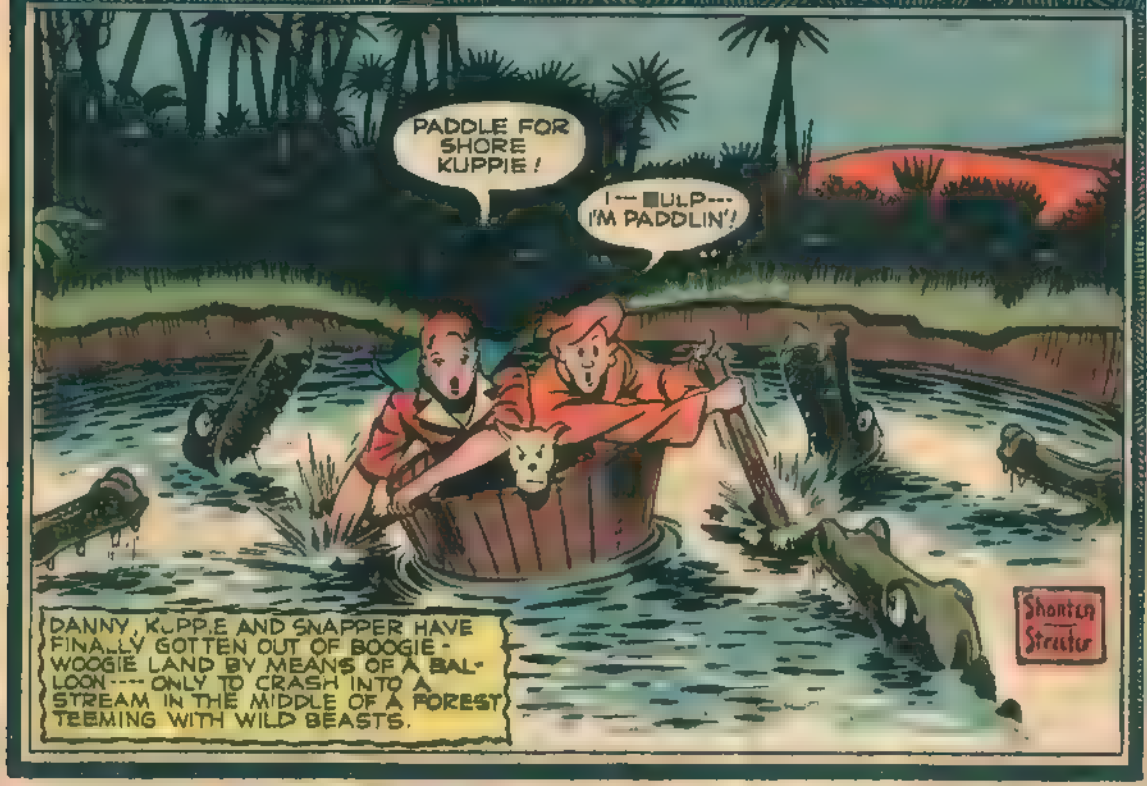
THIS MONEY WILL BE BETTER TAKEN CARE OF BY ME!
JUST THEN -
WHY, REV. WEEMS, WHERE'S HENRY?
EEK! WHY YOU'VE KILLED HIM! HELP HELP!
HELP! HELP!
DON'T FORGET, MY GOOD WOMAN, "SILENCE IS GOLDEN"!
SUDDENLY
THE HANGMAN!
YES, MY DOUS PUNK, I TOLD YOU I'D CATCH UP WITH YOU!
YOU HAVEN'T GOT ME YET!
PRETTY SPRY-AREN'T YOU?
SOCK
EVEN SPRYER THAN YOU THINK!

I THINK I CAN CHANGE YOUR MIND FOR YOU!
JUST THEN-
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO REV. WEEMS?
I JUST CAUGHT YOUR HOLY MAN TRYING TO MAKE A COUPLE OF ANGELS HOLD HIM WHILE I LOOK AFTER MR. DESNARK!
WELL, WEEMS, HE'S DEAD. YOU'VE KILLED HIM JUST LIKE YOU KILLED THOMAS. YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL THE TRUTH - YOU'RE REALLY IN IT THIS TIME!
YES, I KILLED HIM 'TIS AS WELL TO BE HUNG FOR A SHEEP AS A LAMB
WHY, HE'S MOVING! HE'S ALIVE! YOU'VE TRICKED ME WITH YOUR DEVILISH WILES
YES, I'VE TRICKED YOU, ALRIGHT!
GROOOW
THE SAME WAY YOU TRICKED INNOCENT PEOPLE INTO STEALING AND ROBBING FOR YOU. YOU'VE FINALLY OUTSMARTED YOURSELF AND TIED YOUR OWN NOOSE!
THE POLICE ARRIVE-
HERE YOU ARE, BOYS, TAKE HIM AWAY!
HENRY, DARLING, I'M SO GLAD YOU'RE NOT HURT!
YES, DEAR - NO THANKS TO YOU THOUGH!
AND - FURTHERMORE - THE NEXT TIME YOU - BLA - BLA - BLA -
YES, HENRY, DEAR!
OH, BOY. HOW THE WORM HAS TURNED - THIS IS NO PLACE FOR ME!
THE HANGMAN, MOST UNIQUE CHARACTER IN COMICS APPEARS ONLY IN PEP & SPECIAL COMICS

DANNY IN WONDERLAND


PADDLE FOR SHORE KUPPIE!
I--- ULP--- I'M PADDLIN'!
DANNY, KUPPIE AND SNAPPER HAVE FINALLY GOTTEN OUT OF BOOGIE-WOOGIE LAND BY MEANS OF A BALLOON---- ONLY TO CRASH INTO A STREAM IN THE MIDDLE OF A FOREST TEEMING WITH WILD BEASTS.
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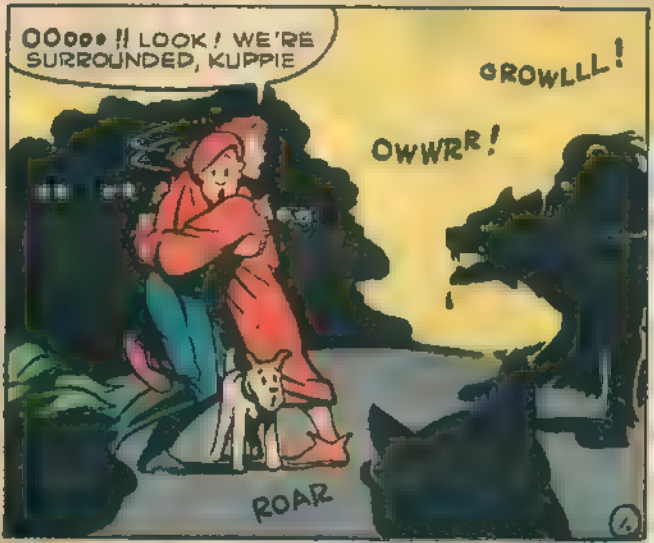

TH--- THEY'RE CLOSIN' IN ON US // WE'RE SUNK! ---- G'BYE, KUPPIE OLE PAL! G'BYE SNAPPER!
JUST THEN, A MONKEY SCREAMS A WARNING MESSAGE IN ANIMAL LANGUAGE--
YIP
THE SAVAGE BEASTS LISTEN INTENTLY AND ----
SUDDENLY, TURN AND SCAMPER FRANTICALLY INTO THE JUNGLE
G--GOLLY! WHAT A CLOSE SHAVE! I WONDER, WHAT MADE 'EM 'RUN?
DANNY! THOSE BUSHES! ---- THEY'RE MOVIN'!
THE REASON FOR THE ANIMALS' FRIGHT---
RUN FOR YOUR LIFE, KUPPIE! THAT'S THE MOST FEROCIOUS LOOKING LION I EVER SAW!
THE CHASE CONTINUES UNTIL ----

DANNEE! WAIT FOR ME!--- OOPH---
POW!
PLOP
I'M NOT REALLY A LION! I'M UNDER A SPELL. THE WITCH WHO MADE ME INTO ONE WAS ALSO A PRACTICAL JOKER---SHE KNEW HOW TIMID I REALLY WAS!
Oooo! MY HEAD! WHAT HIT ME?--
DANNY!--- AM I DREAMING--- OR DID THAT LION REALLY TALK?
DON'T HIT ME AGAIN! I WON'T TRY TO SCARE YOU AGAIN!
WHAT KIND OF A LION ARE YOU ANYWAY?
(ULP) IT DOES TALK
I CAN'T EVEN ROAR LIKE A GOOD LION IF ONLY I WERE BRAVE LIKE HIM!
IF I CAN COMMIT ONE BRAVE DEED I CAN BREAK THE WITCH'S SPELL
YOU CAN BE BRAVE LIKE KUPPIE!-- ALL YOU NEED IS HIS MAGIC TUFT!
SAY!---YOU REALLY THINK SO!
OF COURSE I DO!
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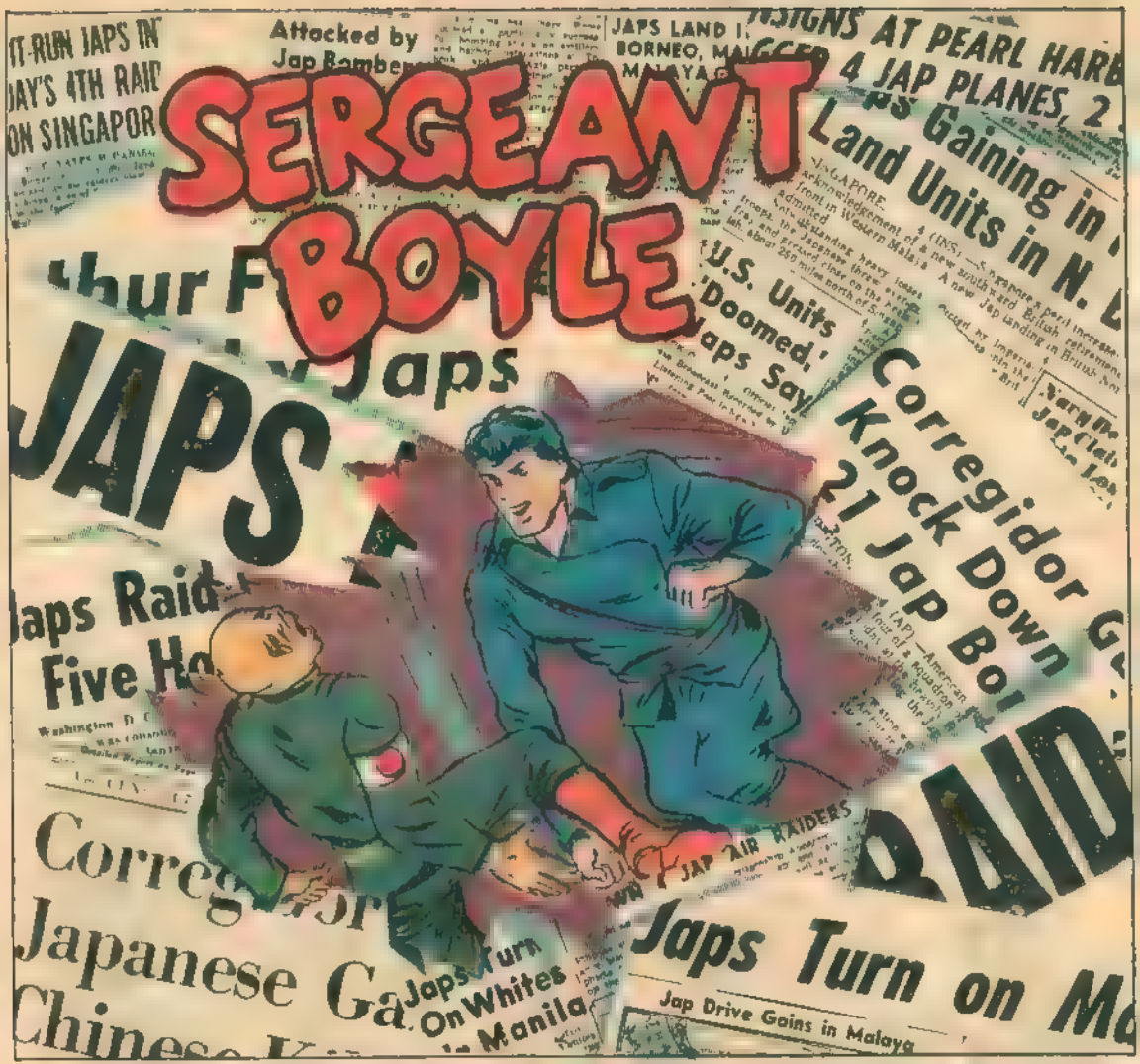
GEE! I'M BEGINNING TO FEEL BRAVER ALREADY!
SEE? I TOLD YOU! NOW WILL YOU GET US OUT OF THIS FOREST?
YOU BETCHA! HOP ON!..AN' JUST LET ANYBODY TRY TO GET IN MY WAY, NOW!
ROAR!
BOOM
NICE GOIN', LION, YOU'RE FRIGHTENING THE LIVING DAY-LIGHTS OUT OF THE WHOLE JUNGLE!
ROAR!
G'BYE, PALS! THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF!
SO LONG AN' GOOD LUCK!
BOY, I CAN HARDLY WAIT UNTIL I GET BACK TO DO SOME-THING REAL BRAVE!
DANNY! WHAT'SA IDEA OF TELLIN' HIM THAT WAS A MAGIC TUFT? YOU KNOW IT AIN'T ANYTHING OF THE KIND!
HA, HA! I WAS JUST USING PSYCHOLOGY. IF THAT TIMID LION THINKS IT'S MAGIC, IT'LL MAKE HIM BRAVE - AN' HELP HIM BREAK THE SPELL!.. GET IT?
YEAH, GEE THAT'S A SMART TRICK, ALRIGHT!

MEANWHILE -
BOYOBOY! NOW LET ANY-BODY GET TOUGH WITH ME. I'LL TEAR 'EM APART (GRR)
SUDDENLY THE EARTH GIVES WAY, AND..
CRASH
THE TIMID LION PLUMMETS INTO A PIT --
POUF!
HOW D'YA LIKE THAT? I WOULD FALL INTO A TRAP AT A TIME LIKE THIS!
NEXT DAY
WONDER WHAT ALL THE NOISE IS ABOUT, KUPPIE?
REOW! REOLPHH! ROAR!
MAYBE THE CIRCUS IS IN TOWN!
MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE CROWD, THEY SEE --
KUPPIE, LOOK, A LION!
OUR PAL - THE TIMID LION!
HIYA DANNY! HIYA KUPPIE! I'M SURE GLAD TO SEE YOU!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? HOW'D YOU GET CAUGHT?
I FELL INTO A TRAP RIGHT AFTER I LEFT YOU - THEY BROUGHT ME HERE 'CAUSE THEY'RE PUTTING ON SOME KIND OF ANIMAL FIGHT!
BUT I DON'T CARE - I'LL LICK ANY ANIMAL WITH THIS MAGIC TUFT - AND BECOME A MAN AGAIN!
THAT'S THE WAY TO TALK!
S.

AT THE ARENA WHERE THE ANIMAL FIGHT IS TO BE HELD-
BOY, RINGSIDE SEATS - NOT BAD, DANNY!
YES! AND THEY COST ME PLENTY.. NOW FOR THE FUN!
THE SAVAGE BEASTS ARE LOOSED INTO THE ARENA --
GRRRR!
ROM
AND THE KING'S TRUMPETERS ANNOUNCE THEIR FIERCEST CAPTIVE...
THE TIMID LION -
BUT THE SIGHT OF THE SAVAGE - SNARLING-VISAGED ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION IS TOO MUCH FOR THE LION'S FOES AND THEY TURN AND RUN --
RREEOWR
C'MON BACK AND FIGHT, YA YELLA TOM CATS! I'LL MOW YOU DOWN - I'LL MAKE A NECKLACE OUT OF YOUR TEETH... I'LL-
(ULP) MY MAGIC TUFT - I'VE **LOST** IT!
G GOLLY-I GOTTA FIND IT BEFORE THOSE TIGERS GET WISE - OR MY GOOSE IS COOKED!
OH OH, THEY'VE SPOTTED ME-I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
GRRRR!

THE TIMID LION REALLY T.M.D NOW, LEAPS FRENZIEDLY INTO THE GRAND STAND -
RUN FOR YOUR LIVES!
MAD LION!
SOMETHING'S GONE WRONG, KUPPIE... LET'S GO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED!
(SNIFF SNIFF) I LOST THAT MAGIC TUFT, DANNY - THEY'LL PULVERIZE ME, NOW!
THAT REALLY WASN'T A MAGIC TUFT, PAL - HONEST - IT WAS JUST A GAG! YOU'RE REALLY BRAVE WITHOUT IT!
THAT'S A FACT!
YA MEAN I HAD THOSE TIGERS SCARED STIFF WITHOUT ANY MAGIC STUFF?
OKAY YOU ALLEY KITTENS! TAKE IT EASY. I'LL GIVE YOU ALL THE FIGHT YOU WANT!
BIFF
BAM
ZOWIE
POW
THAT'S THAT! NOW YOU KNOW WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE!
HIS BRAVE DEED DONE, THE SPELL IS BROKEN AND -
LATER, IN THE KING'S PALACE -
AND SO THAT'S HOW I CAME TO BE A LION, YOUR MAJESTY!
JUST THE SAME, YOU'VE GOT PLENTY OF SPUNK, - NOW, AND I'M GOING TO DUB YOU THE LEADING KNIGHT OF MY LAND!
THE END

SERGEANT BOYLE



IN SINGAPORE A COUNCIL OF WAR IS HELD AMONG THE ALLIED WAR CHIEFS -
AND SO ALTHOUGH OUR DEFENSE IS AS STRONG AS EVER WE MUST DEVELOP A STRONGER OFFENSIVE!
YES' WE JUST GOT ANOTHER LETTER FROM WAVELL THERE WILL BE A GENERAL SHAKEUP UNLESS SOMETHING'S DONE!

THERE'S ONE MAN WHO CAN BOLSTER THE SITUATION! HIS RECORD SINCE THE WAR BEGAN PROVES IT' HE'S FIGHTING IN LIBYA NOW! SERGEANT BOYLE!
THAT'S RIGHT' GET BOYLE!

GET TO LIBYA AS FAST AS YOU CAN - DELIVER THIS LETTER TO THE COMMANDER THERE! HOP TO IT!
LIBYA...SEVERAL DAYS LATER
HEY! LOOK AT THAT GUY TRAVEL - HE'S LAND-ING!
LOOK, SARGE. A PLANE!
WHAT'S AN AMERICAN PLANE DOING WAY OUT HERE? THAT'S STRANGE!
HEY! WHERE YOU GOING? WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF A GAME, REMEMBER!
H'YA, JIM! WHAT'S UP?
MESSENGER FROM THE FAR EAST JUST DROP-PED IN - HE'S IN-SIDE NOW!
H.Q.
O.K. YOU MEN, BREAK IT UP! SERGEANT BOYLE IS THE MAN I WANT TO SEE!
I COULD WITHHOLD MY PERMISSION, BOYLE. BUT I WON'T - IT'S UP TO YOU!
BABEE! THIS IS JUST WHAT I'VE BEEN HOPING FOR! OBOY, OBOY!
I'VE BEEN ITCHING TO GET A CRACK AT THOSE SUKI-YAKIS. BUT I DIDN'T HAVE THE CHANCE! NOW, I HAVE!
I UNDERSTAND YOUR FEELINGS, GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK, SERGEANT. WE'LL MISS YOU!
THANK YOU SIR! IT'LL BE TOUGH TO BREAK THE NEWS TO TWERP! WE GOT TO BE PRETTY GOOD PALS!

THOUGHT YOU WERE NEVER COMING OUT, SARGE! WHAT DID THE GENERAL WANT?
OH ER H YA TWERP I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
C'MON' LET'S GET BACK TO THOSE HORSESHOES WE CAN TALK WHILE WE FINISH OUR GAME!
WAIT! YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND - I JUST GOT MY CHANCE TO GET INTO THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST!
YOU SEE, IT'S LIKE THIS, TWERP, I'D DO ANYTHING TO GET AT THOSE YE-LOW RATS, I CAN'T LET THIS SLIP BY!
WH-WHAT? YOURE LEAVING? NO NO! YOU'RE KIDDIN' ME TELL ME IT ISN'T TRUE!
YES IT IS I'M LEAVIN LIBYA RIGHT NOW - C'MON ALONG WHILE I GET MY STUFF PACKED!
O WELL I ALWAYS KNEW IT'D HAVE TO COME SOME-TIME! SNIF..
(SNIF)
HEY, HAVE YOU HEARD? BOYLE'S BEIN TRANS-FERRED TO SINGAPORE!
YEAH! BOY, I'LL MISS THAT GUY!
HE'S PACKIN' NOW!
HEY! YOU GUYS LOOK LIKE YOU'D LOST YOUR LAST BUCK! WHY ALL THE SOUR MUGS?
GEE, ARE YOU REALLY LEAVIN', SARGE?
DONT YOU LIKE IT HERE?
LOOK, GUYS! WE'VE PLAYED TOGETHER FOUGHT TOGETHER AND SOME OF US EVEN DIED TOGETHER. THERE'S ONLY ONE THING THAT COUNTS IN THIS WAR - AND THAT'S WINNING IT AS LONG AS WE'RE ON THE SAME BALL TEAM IT DOESN'T MATTER WHERE WE ARE - WE'LL STILL BE TOGETHER - RIGHT?
BOYLE IS RIGHT!
YOU BET HE IS!
HEY YOU CRAZY MONKEYS - LET ME DOWN!
'RAY FOR SARGE!
FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW..

SO LONG, KID! I'LL NEVER FORGET THE SWELL TIMES WE'VE HAD!
G-SO LONG, (SNIFF) SARGE OL' P.PAL!
HE'S OFF! YIPPEE! YAY!
YES SIR! THERE GOES ONE OF THE GREATEST GUYS I EVER KNEW! POOR OLD TWERP'S TAKIN' IT PRETTY HARD!
((SOB) (SOB)
MUCH AS I WANT TO GET MY OWN LICK IN AT THE JAPS I SURE HATE TO LEAVE TWERP BEHIND!
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AS THEY APPROACH THE MALAY COAST-
GET THAT GUN LIMBERED UP, SARGE, HERE COME A COUPLE OF PLANES!
WHO IS HE? SHALL I LET HIM HAVE IT?
NO! LOOK AT THE WINGS! CHINESE! WONDER WHAT THEY'RE..
..DOING WAY DOWN IN THIS NECK OF THE- UGH!
MACHINE GUN! LOOKOUT! WHY, THOSE LOUSY SNAKES!
WOW! THEY'RE CLOSING IN FOR THE KILL! I BETTER DO SOMETHING!
THIS CRATE IS EQUIPPED WITH A SMOKE LAYER - I'LL BLOW SOME SMOKE AND PANCAKE DOWN ONTO THE BEACH!

SO THESE JAPS HIDE BEHIND CHINESE INSIGNIA, EH? EVEN THE HEINIES AREN'T THAT TREACHEROUS!
HE'S DEAD, POOR GUY! I'LL GET FIFTY OF 'EM FOR THIS!
IF I GET OUT OF HERE, I WILL! THEY MUST HAVE HIT THE GAS TANK! IT'S EMPTY!
NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT THAT! LOOKS LIKE I'LL HAVE TO HOOF IT THE REST OF THE WAY!
BOYLE TRAMPS DOWN THE COAST ALL NIGHT. NEXT MORNING -
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A JAP! WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?
光榮通緝
HELLO!
?
BOP
HEY! WAKE UP! COME OUT OF IT!
I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN! HE HAS A GLASS JAW, DARN IT! NOW, HOW WILL I GET ANY INFO FROM HIM?
HOLY SMOKE! THERE WERE TWO OF 'EM!

SO YOU WERE GONNA KNIFE ME IN THE BACK, EH?
EEEEEEEOOOW
DON'T TRY ANY FUNNY STUFF YOU JAP-HAPPY BABOON! WHERE WERE YOU TWO GO,NG IN THAT SUB?
ME KNOW NOTHING' ME JUST CATCHEE SHRIMP FOR BLEAKFAST!
I DON'T LIKE JAPS SO I WON'T KID AROUND WITH YOU' THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE TO TALK OR I'LL BEAT YOU TO A PULP!
NO TELL! YOU NO SCARE ME! NO TALK!
OH-OH-LOOKS LIKE FUJI IS COMING TO!
UGH UGH
I BETTER TIE HIM UP BEFORE HE BEGINS TO GET GAY, BUT WHAT WITH??
YOU DON'T MIND IF I USE YOUR BELT TO TIE YOUR PAL UP, DO YOU?
AI! YI! NO TOUCHEE BELT! AIIEE!
?
I GET IT' THIS IS HIS SACRED BELT OF A THOUSAND STITCHES' IF I DAMAGED IT HE'D BE DISGRACED FOR LIFE!.. SAY!
GET READY TO TALK OR I HACK THIS BELT INTO LITTLE PIECES!
YES-YES' WE GO JOIN SUB FLEET FOR BIG ATTACK SINGAPORE' SECRET BASE ON ISLAND OFF COAST!
THANKS FOR THE INFORMATION' I'M BORROWIN YOUR TUB FOR A WHILE!
FOLLOWING THE JAP'S DIRECTIONS BOYLE HEADS FOR THE SECRET NAVAL BASE--
THIS MUST BE THE PLACE -SAY! IF THAT ISN'T A VOLCANO I'M A TWO-TOED TERRAPIN!
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LOOKS QUIET! I'LL SHOOT A TORPEDO AT THE ENTRANCE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!
?
BOOM
SHOOT! DON'T WAIT - SHOOT!
HOW CAN SHOOT WHEN NO CAN SEE?
BOYLE COMES UP ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE ISLAND -
I'LL GO ASHORE AND DO A LITTLE SNOOPING!
THE WHOLE GANG SEEMS TO BE DOWN AT THE INLET - WONDER IF THEY'RE LOOKIN' FOR ME!
HERE'S THE ONLY GUARD - THIS IS TOO EASY!
A FUNICULAR RAIL LINE TO THE CRATER! NOW THERE'S SOMETHING I MAY BE ABLE TO FIND SOME USE FOR!
IF SHOOTING OFF A CANNON WILL CAUSE A RAINSTORM, A LITTLE ERUPTION SHOULD BE A CINCH WITH ALL THESE EXPLOSIVES!
THE CAR IS FULL - I HOPE THIS WORKS!
?
?? WHAT OCCURS? CAR RISES UP SIDE OF MOUNTAIN - WE INVESTIGATE!
THEY'VE SPOTTED ME! HERE THEY COME AND DO THEY LOOK SORE!
PRRRRRRR???

I FIXED THE MOTOR SO THEY CAN'T STOP IT! C'MON, BOYLE! LET'S SEE SOME SPEED!
BANG BANG
WHEWW! JUST MADE IT ANY MINUTE, NOW!
AS BOYLE'S SUBMARINE SUBMERGES THE CARGO OF EXPLOSIVES PLUNGES INTO THE CRATER AND -
BOOM
THAT'S THE END OF THEIR BASE! NEXT STOP, SINGAPORE!
IN SINGAPORE BOYLE IS HEARTILY RECEIVED -
AND THE REASON WE ASKED FOR YOU SPECIFICALLY IS TO HELP US BEAT THE JAPS TO THE PUNCH, SO TO SPEAK!
YES EVEN NOW THEY MAY BE PREPARING SOME KIND OF SNEAK BLOW!
SUCH AS LAUNCHING THEIR SUBMARINES IN AN ALL OUT SEA BATTLE, GENTLEMEN. BUT IF THEY DO THEY'LL HAVE TO FIND A NEW BASE, I JUST DESTROYED THEIR OLD ONE!
WHAT!
BOYLE, YOU-YOU'RE INCREDIBLE! WE SENT FOR YOU TO HELP US DO A JOB AND YOU DO IT YOURSELF - EVEN BEFORE YOU ARRIVE!
THANKS!
BUT OUR TROUBLES ARE FAR FROM OVER! YOU SEE--
JUST A MINUTE, GENERAL, I THINK I SEE A FRIEND - WELL, I'LL BE-
TWERP! I THOUGHT YOU STAYED IN LIBYA!
SOON AS YOU LEFT THEY REALIZED THEIR MISTAKE IN SENDING YOU WITHOUT ME! (SLUP, SLUP) WHY, I WAS PRACTICALLY RAISED IN SINGAPORE! (SLUP)

JOLLY ROGER

AND HIS SKY PIRATES

JOLLY ROGER AND HIS SKY PIRATES ARE SENT TO RUSSIA TO BOLSTER THE RED AIR DEFENSES. THEY ARRIVE AT THEIR NEW BASE JUST AS NIGHT FALLS ---

OH ONE OF US IS FROM THE STATES - ANOTHER FROM DOWN UNDER AND WHEN WE GUN OUR FLYING CRATES - WE SOUND LIKE MARS' OWN THUNDER!

HERE'S OUR NEW HOME BOYS!

ED SMALLE

THE SKY PIRATES LAND -

WHO GOES DERE?

HELLO! THIS IS THE SKY PIRATES SQUADRON RE-PORTING FOR DUTY, SIR!

YOU MUST BE COLONEL VODKA - I'M JOLLY ROGER! THIS IS CT. PRICE MARTY MARTIN AND FRANK ROOT! WE'RE READY FOR ORDERS!

WELCOME TO RUSSIA GENTLEMEN. IT'S TOO LATE TO PATROL NOW - SO WHY DON'T YOU GO TO THE CHARITY FETE AT THE VILLAGE TO-NIGHT?

HOOT MON, IF IT'S A DANCE WE'LL BE THERE!

THAT NIGHT AT THE CHARITY FETE -
THIS MUST BE AN IMPORTANT AFFAIR - EVEN GENERAL VISK, IN CHARGE OF THIS SECTOR, IS HERE!
LOOK, ROGER! WHAT'S THAT LAD DOING, HIS MORNING EXERCISES?
NO, PRICE, HE'S DOING A FAMOUS RUSSIAN DANCE - IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE VERY HARD TO DO!
IT DINNA LOOK HARD TO ME. BUT YE TAKE THE SCOTTISH SWORD DANCE, IT'S HARD AND GRACEFUL!
IT TAKES A HE-MAN TO DO OUR DANCE - NOT SOMETHING THAT WEARS SKIRTS!
WADDYA MEAN BY THAT, LADDIE?
I MEAN WE DON'T ALLOW SISSIES TO CRITICISE RUSSIA!
WHY YOU-
WAIT A MINUTE, YOU TWO - LET'S SETTLE THIS PEACEFULLY. BOTH OF YOU TRY TO DO THE OTHERS DANCE - PRICE, YOU BEGIN!
WEEL, OKAY, LET'S SEE, OOF-UFF-NOW VE KICK WITH ONE FOOT - OOPS!
HAR-HAR-HE CAN'T DO IT SO I WIN!
BOOM
OH, NO YE DON'T! YE HAVE TO DO THE SWORD DANCE!
HOKAY, COMRADE YOU SHOW ME HOW AND I'LL DO IT!

VERRA WELL - IT GOES LIKE THIS -
PRICE TRIPS ON THE SWORD -
PLOP!
HO-HO, HAR-HAR! DIS SISSY CAN'T DO HIS OWN DANCE, EVEN! HO-HO!
YE BLASTED BABOON! I'LL SHOW YE WHO'S A SISSY!
I'LL - GLUB -
JOOST TAKE IT EASY, LEETLE ONE!
JUST THEN -
COMRADES, QUICK, DER NAZIS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH AND ARE HEADED THIS WAY!
COME ON - PIRATES! BACK TO OUR PLANES - THERE'S ACTION AHEAD!
THE GERMAN PANZER UNIT ENTERS THE TOWN -
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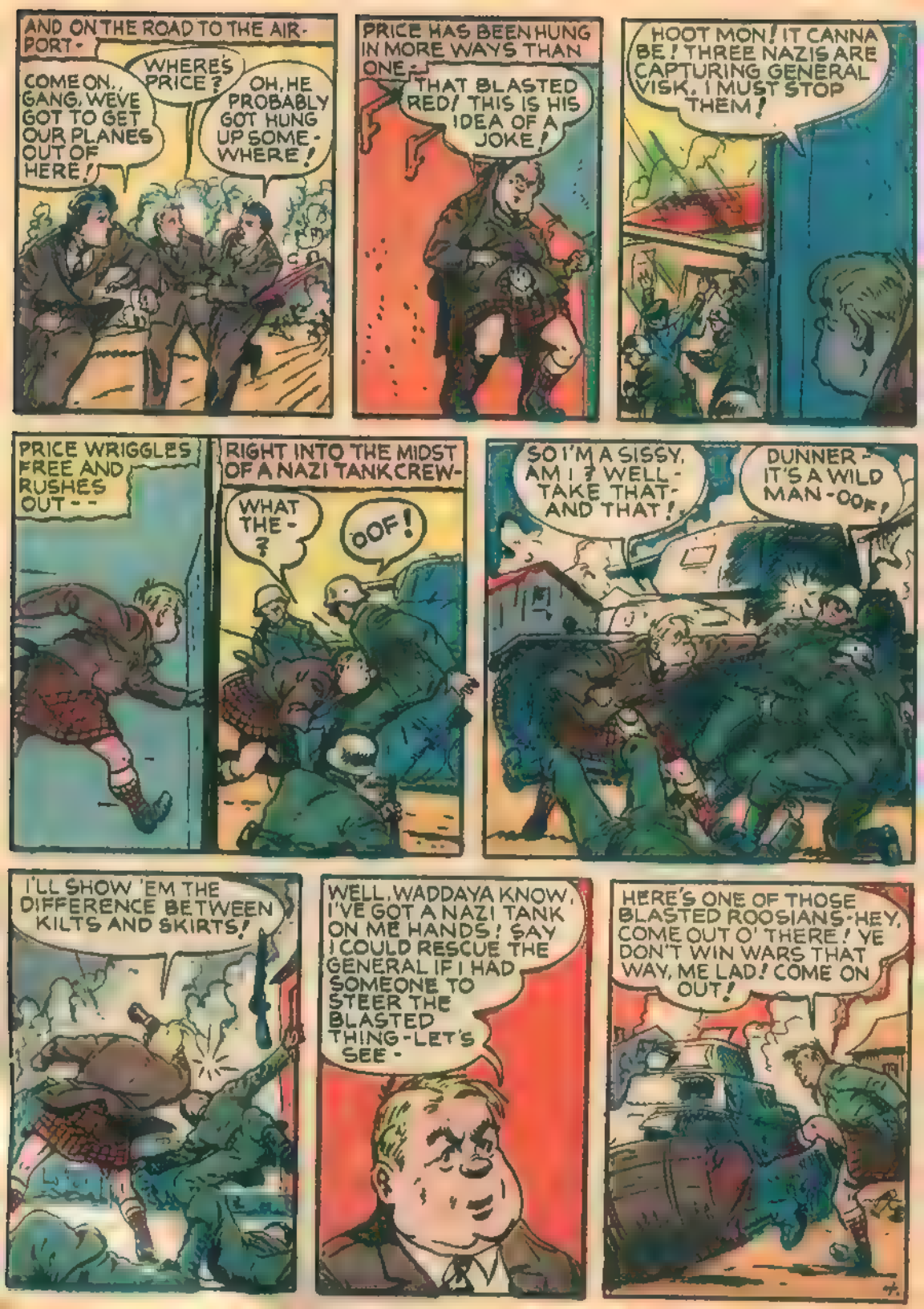
AND ON THE ROAD TO THE AIR-PORT-
COME ON., GANG, WE'VE GOT TO GET OUR PLANES OUT OF HERE!
WHERE'S PRICE?
OH, HE PROBABLY GOT HUNG UP SOME-WHERE!
PRICE HAS BEEN HUNG IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE-
THAT BLASTED RED! THIS IS HIS IDEA OF A JOKE!
HOOT MON! IT CANNA BE! THREE NAZIS ARE CAPTURING GENERAL VISK. I MUST STOP THEM!
PRICE WRIGGLES FREE AND RUSHES OUT--
RIGHT INTO THE MIDST OF A NAZI TANK CREW-
WHAT THE-?
OOF!
SO I'M A SISSY, AM I? WELL-TAKE THAT-AND THAT!
DUNNER-IT'S A WILD MAN-OOF!
I'LL SHOW 'EM THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN KILTS AND SKIRTS!
WELL, WADDAYA KNOW, I'VE GOT A NAZI TANK ON ME HANDS! SAY I COULD RESCUE THE GENERAL IF I HAD SOMEONE TO STEER THE BLASTED THING-LET'S SEE-
HERE'S ONE OF THOSE BLASTED ROOSIANS-HEY, COME OUT O' THERE! YE DON'T WIN WARS THAT WAY, ME LAD! COME ON OUT!

OH, SO 'TIS YOU! WEEL, YOUR GENERAL HAS BEEN TOOK BY THE NAZIS AND HAS GOT TO BE RESCUED!
I'LL GIVE YOU A CHANCE TO SHOW WHAT A HE-MAN YE ARE - GET IN THAT TANK!
NO, NO, IT'D BE SUICIDE!
BUT THE SCOTCHMAN HAS HIS WAY AND THE TANK SOON STARTS OFF -
COOM, COOM, LAD! IS THIS THE FASTEST YE CAN GO?
AH, THERE'S THE GENERAL AND HIS ESCORT. HOLD 'ER STEADY, MAN - WHILE I DO A LITTLE PLAIN AND FANCY TARGET PRACTICE!
BANG! BANG!
AMAZING, COMRADE, NEVER HAVE I SEEN SUCH GOOD SHOOTING!
PRICE AND THE RUSSIAN OVERTAKE THE SQUAD CAR -
HERE YE ARE, GENERAL VISK! WE COME FOR YE - SPECIAL DELIVERY!
CAMERADE! VE GIVE UP!
AH, COMRADE, YOU HAFF SAVED MY LIFE!
HEY! NIX, GENERAL!
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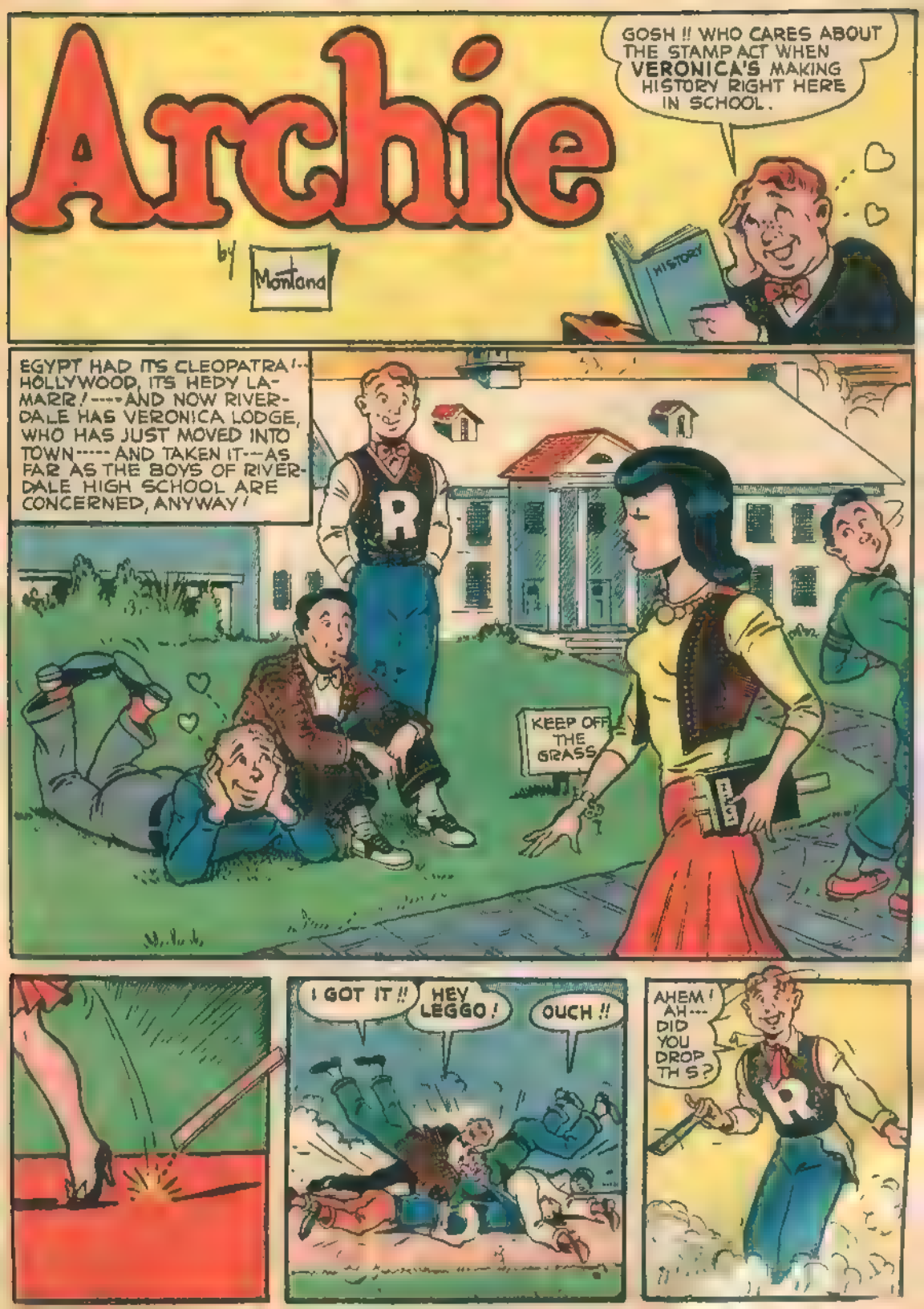
WE'RE STILL IN NAZI TERRITORY, GENERAL. HARK! I HEAR PLANES!
IT'S PRICE, ALRIGHT! LOOK, HE'S GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!
HOOT MON! IT'S THE SKY PIRATES — THEY'LL SEE US SAFELY THROUGH — HOP IN, GENERAL!
WITH THE THREE SKY PIRATES BLASTING A PATH FOR THEM —
PRICE REACHES THE RUSSIAN LINES —
LATER, AT HEADQUARTERS
COMRADE C.T. PRICE, WE BESTOW OUR HIGHEST MEDAL TO YOU FOR YOUR DARING AND COURAGEOUS RESCUE OF GENERAL VISK!
OH, HE'S THE GUY WEARS THE KILTS AND CANNOT DO THE RHUMBA — BUT WHEN IT COMES TO WINNING WARS, NO ONE CAN STEAL HIS THUNDER FOR HE'S A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW — FOR HE'S
LITTLE COMRADE, I APOLOGIZE. VILL YOU FORGIFF ME FOR CALLING YOU A SISSY?
THINK NA' MORE ABOUT IT, LAD. YE'VE LEARNED YE LESSON AND SO HAVE I — NO MORE FANCY DANCES FOR ME!


Archie
by Montana
GOSH !! WHO CARES ABOUT THE STAMP ACT WHEN VERONICA'S MAKING HISTORY RIGHT HERE IN SCHOOL.
HISTORY
EGYPT HAD ITS CLEOPATRA!-- HOLLYWOOD, ITS HEDY LA-MARR!----AND NOW RIVER-DALE HAS VERONICA LODGE, WHO HAS JUST MOVED INTO TOWN----AND TAKEN IT---AS FAR AS THE BOYS OF RIVER-DALE HIGH SCHOOL ARE CONCERNED, ANYWAY!
KEEP OFF THE GRASS
I GOT IT !!
HEY LEGGO!
OUCH !!
AHEM! AH--- DID YOU DROP TH S?

OH, HOW CLUMSY OF ME THANK YOU,---AH---
JUST CALL ME ARCHIE! COULD I---ER--MAYBE--- I OUGHT TO CARRY IT HOME FOR YOU!
I DON'T USUALLY WALK HOME, BUT I WRECKED MY CAR AND DAD HAS THE TOWN CAR, AND SIS USES OUR STATION WAGON AN--
YEAH! SAY I'LL BET YOU'RE PRETTY BUSY EVENINGS, HUH!
MY, HOW UTTERLY EXTRAVAGANT!!
BOY, OH BOY! I DID IT! JUGHEAD! I'VE GOT A DATE NEXT WEEK! WITH VERONICA LODGE!
KINDA, FLYIN' HIGH, AREN'T YOU, EAGLE? HER OLD MAN IS "MONEY BAGS" LODGE OF BEACON HILL!
WHY, SHE'S A SUB-DEB!! WHAT'RE YOU GONNA USE FOR MONEY--- BUTTONS?
SHE IS!!! "(GULP)" HEY, HOW ABOUT THAT FIFTEEN CENTS YOU OWE ME!!
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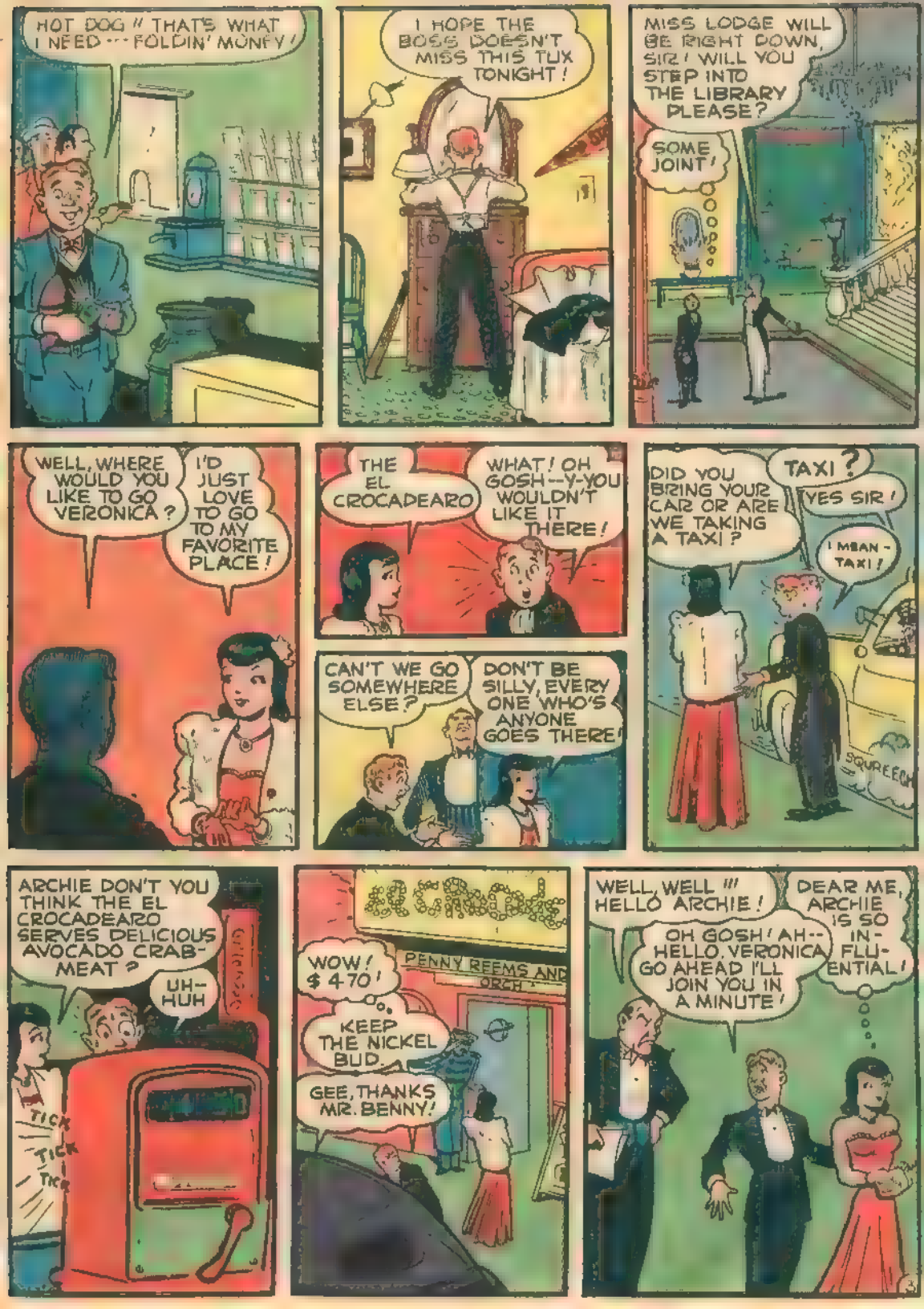
R
BUT POP!!! ALL I AM ASKING FOR, IS $10 ON MY ALLOWANCE!
TEN DOLLARS! YOU'VE DRAWN INTO 1943 ALREADY!! EARN IT LIKE I DID AT YOUR AGE! GET A JOB!! WHAT ARE YOU, LAZY---- DON'T ANSWER THAT QUESTION!
LET'S SEE-- WANTED BUS BOY, APPLY IN PERSON AT THE 'EL CROCADEARO'--- BOY! A SWELL PLACE LIKE THAT OUGHTA PAY ABOUT THIRTY BUCKS!!
YOU'LL DO! THE JOB PAYS $12 A WEEK
IS THAT ALL!
OF COURSE, WE SUPPLY THE TUX!!
TUX! DID YOU SAY TUX? I'LL TAKE IT!
THEN CAME 6 DAYS OF DIRTY DISHES -------


HOT DOG ! THAT'S WHAT I NEED --- FOLDIN' MONEY !
I HOPE THE BOSS DOESN'T MISS THIS TUX TONIGHT !
MISS LODGE WILL BE RIGHT DOWN, SIR ! WILL YOU STEP INTO THE LIBRARY PLEASE ?
SOME JOINT !
WELL, WHERE WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO VERONICA ?
I'D JUST LOVE TO GO TO MY FAVORITE PLACE !
THE EL CROCADEARO
WHAT ! OH GOSH -- Y-YOU WOULDN'T LIKE IT THERE !
CAN'T WE GO SOMEWHERE ELSE ?
DON'T BE SILLY, EVERY ONE WHO'S ANYONE GOES THERE !
DID YOU BRING YOUR CAR OR ARE WE TAKING A TAXI ?
TAXI ?
YES SIR !
I MEAN - TAXI !
SQUEEGH
ARCHIE DON'T YOU THINK THE EL CROCADEARO SERVES DELICIOUS AVOCADO CRAB-MEAT ?
UH-HUH
TICK TICK TICK
WOW ! $ 470 !
KEEP THE NICKEL BUD.
GEE, THANKS MR. BENNY !
PENNY REEMS AND ORCH.
WELL, WELL !!! HELLO ARCHIE !
OH GOSH ! AH -- HELLO, VERONICA GO AHEAD I'LL JOIN YOU IN A MINUTE !
DEAR ME, ARCHIE IS SO IN-FLU-ENTIAL !

WHAT'S THE IDEA GOIN' HOME WITH THAT TUX ! THE OTHER BUS-BOY NEEDS IT. NOW TAKE IT OFF !!
AW GEE, BOSS ! I HAVEN'T GOT ANY OTHER CLOTHES !! AND I'VE GOT MY GIRL HERE!
SOMEBODY'S GOT TO TAKE THESE DISHES OUT !! NOW YOU CAN EITHER TAKE THAT TUX OFF OR WORK.
I'LL WORK WAIT'LL I EX-PLAIN !
COME ON, VERONICA, LET'S DANCE
OH ARCHIE, YOU DANCE DIVINELY.
JIGGERS, THE BOSS !! I GOTTA DO SOME THIN'
MEET PENNY REEMS, VERONICA HERE'S THAT DANCE I PROMISED YOU, PENN!
WISH I COULD REMEM-BER WHERE I MET THAT CHARACTER
PHEW ! THEY DIDN'T SEE ME ! TWO MORE LOADS AND I CAN REST !
(PUFF) JUST GOT BACK IN TIME !
RIGHT HERE, WAITER ! WE'RE READY TO TO ORDER.
I'D BETTER GIVE THE ORDER TO PIERRE, THE CHEF, MYSELF SO IT WILL BE JUST RIGHT !
GOODNESS ARCHIE ! DO YOU KNOW THE CHEF TOO?
WHAT A SPOT ! --- ENTER-TAINING A SUB-DEB, AN' BEIN' A BUS-BOY AT THE SAME TIME!
DID YOU SAY AVO-CADO CRAB-MEAT, VERONICA !
OH MY GOSH ! THAT'S $5 A PLATE AN I HAVE ONLY $ 7.25 LEFT OF MY $12 SALARY !
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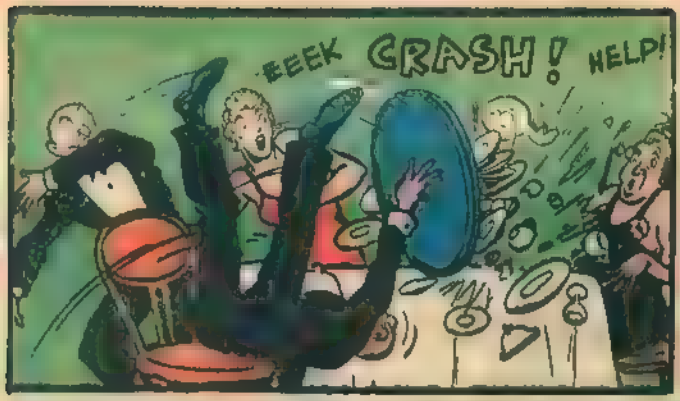
I'VE GOT TO KEEP HER BUSY WHILE I GET THESE DISHES OUT LET'S SEE---- HMMM---THAT GUY LOOKS DUMB ENOUGH !!
PSST ! VERONICA LODGE IS OVER HERE AND SHE'S JUST DYING TO MEET YOU!
HUH ! WHO ME ?
ARCHIE WHERE EVER HAVE YOU BEEN ?
I WANT YOU TO MEET AN OLD PAL--MR.--- AH---MR
DEBILLS-BURY.
SURE, SURE ! YOU TWO GO AHEAD AND DANCE-- I'LL SEE YOU LATER !!
GOSH SHE'S PURTY
PHEW ONE MORE!
HEY SQUIRT ! TAKE THE SILVER-WARE OFF OF YOUR TRAY THIS TIME !!
ARCHIE ANDREWS ! WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT TRAY ?
OH, I'M--AH--JUST SEEIN' IF I CAN LIFT IT-----IT'S A BET !!
WELL, OF COURSE IF YOU'D RATH-ER MAKE SILLY BETS THAN BE WITH ME--- WHY-----
I'LL PUT IT DOWN RIGHT NOW ! WAIT, RIGHT THERE!
ARCHIE LOOKOUT !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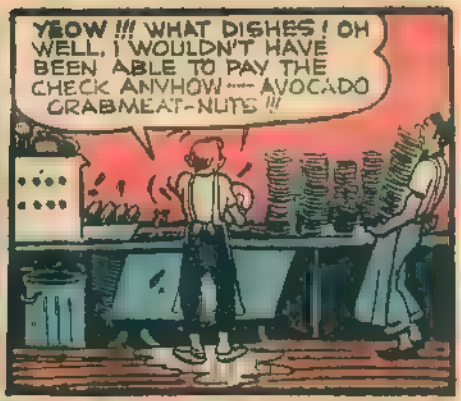
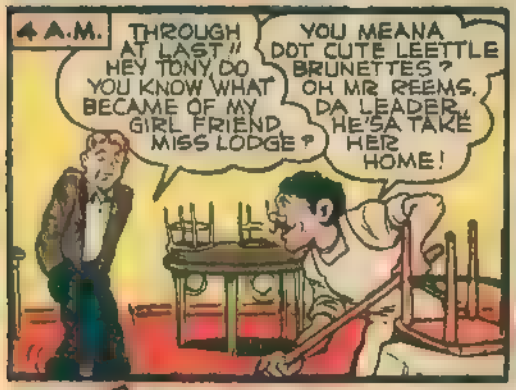
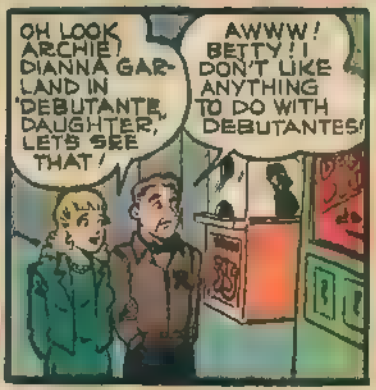
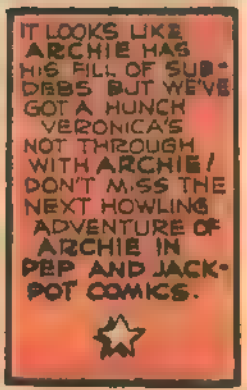
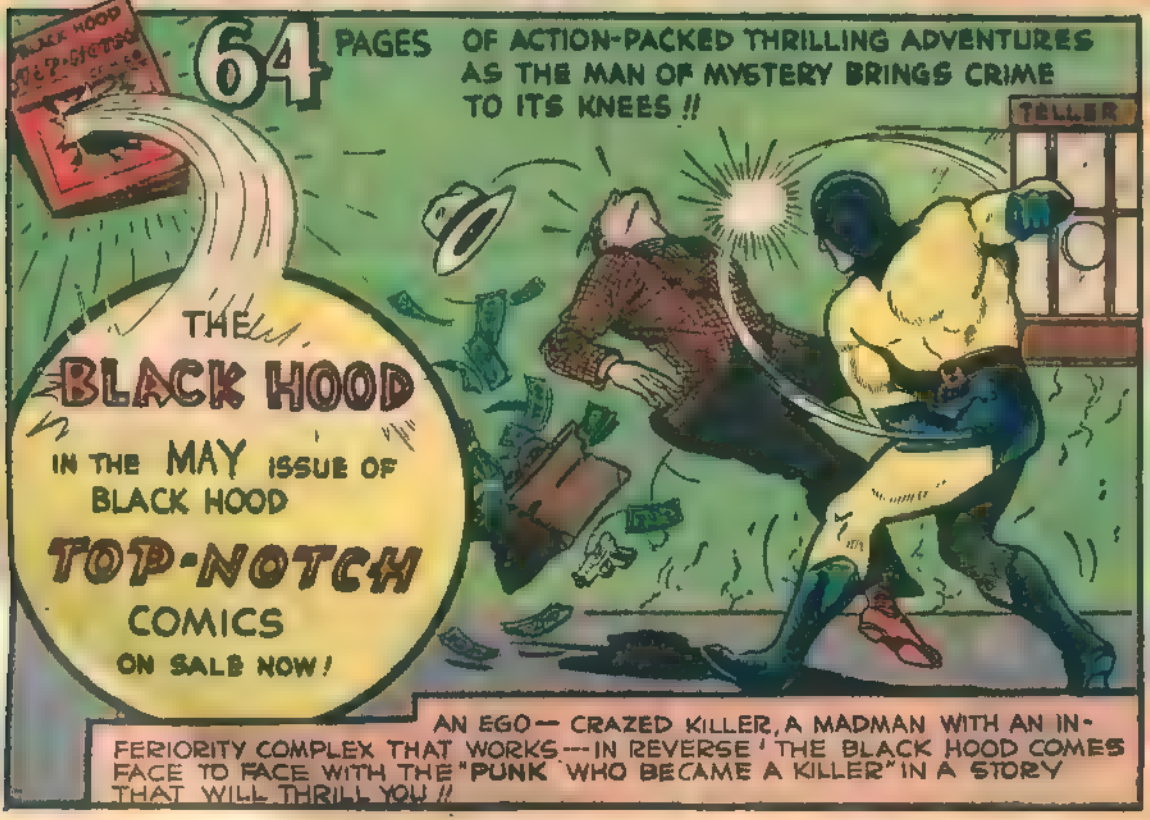
CRASH!
HELP!

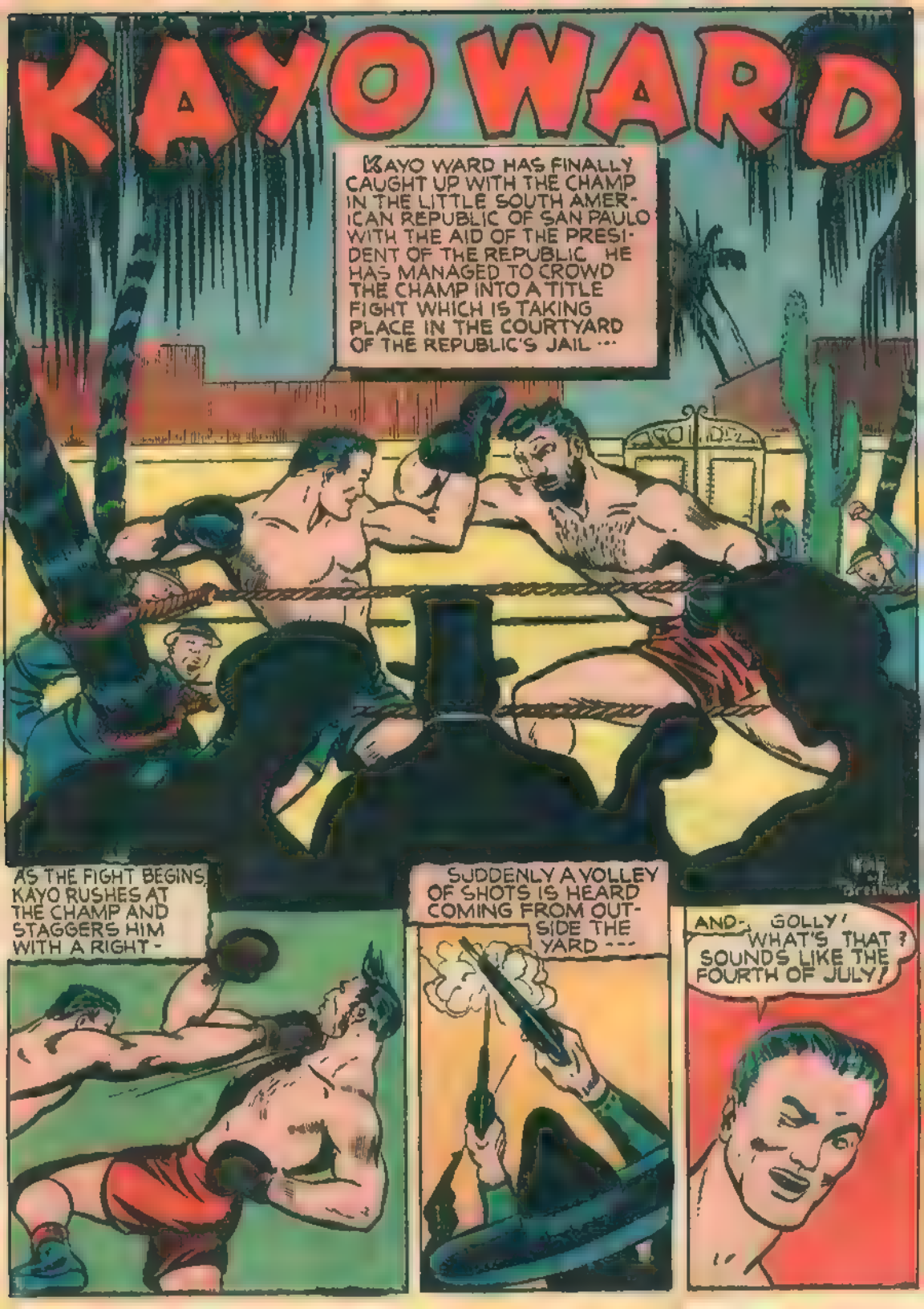

YEOW !!! WHAT DISHES! OH WELL, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PAY THE CHECK ANYHOW --- AVOCADO GRABMEAT-NUTS !!


4 A.M.
THROUGH AT LAST !! HEY TONY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT BECAME OF MY GIRL FRIEND MISS LODGE ?
YOU MEANA DOT CUTE LEETTLE BRUNETTES ? OH MR REEMS, DA LEADER, HE'SA TAKE HER HOME!


OH LOOK ARCHIE! DIANNA GARLAND IN 'DEBUTANTE DAUGHTER,' LETS SEE THAT!
AWWW! BETTY! I DON'T LIKE ANYTHING TO DO WITH DEBUTANTES!


IT LOOKS LIKE ARCHIE HAS HIS FILL OF SUB-DEBS BUT WE'VE GOT A HUNCH VERONICA'S NOT THROUGH WITH ARCHIE! DON'T MISS THE NEXT HOWLING ADVENTURE OF ARCHIE IN PEP AND JACKPOT COMICS.


64 PAGES OF ACTION-PACKED THRILLING ADVENTURES AS THE MAN OF MYSTERY BRINGS CRIME TO ITS KNEES !!
TELLER
THE BLACK HOOD
IN THE MAY ISSUE OF
BLACK HOOD
TOP-NOTCH
COMICS
ON SALE NOW!
AN EGO — CRAZED KILLER, A MADMAN WITH AN INFERIORITY COMPLEX THAT WORKS --- IN REVERSE ! THE BLACK HOOD COMES FACE TO FACE WITH THE "PUNK WHO BECAME A KILLER" IN A STORY THAT WILL THRILL YOU !!


KAYO WARD
KAYO WARD HAS FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE CHAMP IN THE LITTLE SOUTH AMERICAN REPUBLIC OF SAN PAULO WITH THE AID OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HE HAS MANAGED TO CROWD THE CHAMP INTO A TITLE FIGHT WHICH IS TAKING PLACE IN THE COURTYARD OF THE REPUBLIC'S JAIL ···
AS THE FIGHT BEGINS, KAYO RUSHES AT THE CHAMP AND STAGGERS HIM WITH A RIGHT -
SUDDENLY A VOLLEY OF SHOTS IS HEARD COMING FROM OUTSIDE THE YARD ---
AND- GOLLY! WHAT'S THAT? SOUNDS LIKE THE FOURTH OF JULY!

CARAMBA!
BANG
BANG
BANG
A MOMENT LATER THE GATE BURSTS OPEN -
AND A BAND OF GAUCHOS ROARS IN --
BANDITS! TAKE COVER!
GEEZ, THEY AIN'T KIDDIN' -- THEY LOOK SERIOUS!
ALRIGHT, EVERYBODY - LINE UP AGAINST THE WALL - PRONTO!
DO AS YOU ARE TOLD IF YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOOD FOR YOU, SENOR!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
THE IDEA SENOR, IS THAT I, PABLO SHALL KEEDNAP OUR PRESIDENT FOR THE RANSOM OF COURSE! COME, SENOR PRESIDENTE. WE WASTE TOO MUCH TIME ALREADY.
YOU, MIGUEL, WAIT UNTIL WE HAVE RIDDEN A SAFE DISTANCE, THEN FOLLOW AFTER US!
SI - GO AHEAD!
SOON AFTER -
WELL, I GUESS I GO NOW - ADIOS, AMIGOS!
YOU AIN'T GOIN' YET!
WE GOT SOME TALKIN' TO DO!

WHERE ARE THEY TAKIN' THE PRESIDENT?
I CAN-NOT TELL YOU, SENOR!
OKAY, BUDDY, MAYBE I CAN POUND IT OUT OF YOU!
WAIT! WAIT! I TELL!
THERE IS A PEAK ABOUT 10 MILES FROM TOWN, ALONG THE RIVER ROAD. THEIR HIDEOUT IS THERE!
YOU BETTER BE TELLIN' THE TRUTH, BUDDY!
TAKE THIS GUY TO THE GUARD HOUSE AND GET SOME MEN AND HORSES - WE'RE GOIN' AFTER THOSE GUYS!
A SHORT TIME LATER -
THAT'S IT! THERE'S THE MOUNTAIN HE TOLD US ABOUT!
THE ONLY WAY UP IS BY THAT NARROW PATH!
IT WOULD BE SUICIDE TO GO THAT WAY - THEY COULD PICK US OFF EASILY!
HOW ABOUT THIS SIDE? THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OF CLIMB-ING UP THE HILL!
NO, SENOR, IT IS TOO DANGEROUS!
HMM..! THINK IT CAN BE DONE!

BUT SENOR WARD YOU WILL BE KEELED ! LOOK HOW HIGH EET EES
I GOTTA RISK IT G MME A BOOST UP TO THE FIRST LEDGE, HUH ?
AGAINST THE STRONG PROTESTS OF THE SOLDIERS KAYO STARTS TO CLIMB THE TREACHER-OUS PEAK--
PULLING HIMSELF UP OVER NARROW LEDGES --
PUFF PUFF
GRASPING AT BITS OF OVERHANGING SHRUBBERY - - -
BOY THIS IS EVEN TOUGHER THAN IT LOOKS!
PHEW - I M GLAD THAT'S OVER!
WONDER WHERE THEY PUT HIM ? I'LL HAVE A LOOK IN THAT SHACK!
KAYO PEERS INTO ONE OF THE WINDOWS AND SEES -
IT'S THE PRES.DENT ! WHAT LUCK !
SUDDENLY-
SO WE HAVE COMPANY! COME WITH US - WE W.LL ENTER-TAIN YOU!
SENOR PABLO ! - LOOK WHO WE FIND SNEAKING AROUND
SO ! --- IT EES THAT BOX-FIGHTER !

OH THAT IS TOO BAD! I AM AFRAID WE WILL HAVE TO SHOOT YOU, SENOR! WHAT A PITY!
BUT FIRST YOU MUST TELL ME HOW YOU CAME HERE WITHOUT BEING STOPPED BY MY LOOKOUTS!
CLIMBED UP THE BACK WAY!
YOU CLIMBED UP THE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN? SENOR, THAT IS UNBELIEVABLE. YOU ARE ONE BRAVE HOMBRE. ALRIGHT, MEN, LEAVE HIM WITH ME. SUCH A MAN CANNOT DIE YET!
BUT-PABLO!
I THINK PABLO EES GOING SOFT IN THE HEAD!
OR MAYBE HE TRY TO PULL A FAST ONE ON US!
SOON AFTER-
SO, AMIGOS, I THINK IT IS TIME WE TAKE A HAND IN THIS - NO?
LET US HAVE A SHOWDOWN WITH PABLO!
SI, RIGHT AWAY!
YOU'RE RIGHT, LUIS. WE MUST LOOK OUT FOR OURSELVES!
MEANWHILE -
I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE FRIENDS AS LOYAL AS YOU SENOR KAYO. ANY MAN WHO WOULD RISK HIS LIFE FOR A FRIEND AS YOU HAVE IS A MAN WORTH KNOWING!
SUDDENLY-
ALRIGHT, PABLO, HAND HIM OVER. WE'RE RUNNING THINGS NOW!
YOU'RE GOING TO GET YOURS, TOO!
UNNOTICED BY THE GUNMAN, KAYO REACHES BEHIND HIM FOR THE BOTTLE --

UNNK
KAYO HURTLES HIMSELF AT THE PACK
I THEENK PABLO WEEL FIX THEES TREACHEROUS DOGS, NOW !!
FIRST, PEDRO – WHO WOULD SHOOT MY AMIGO IN THE BACK!
LIKE THEES!
BOY, PABLO, THAT'S FAST SHOOTIN'
BANG
IT WAS NOTHING, AMIGO, YOU SAVED MY LIFE AND I RETURNED THE FAVOR!
THANKS, ANYWAY OH, OH, OH, HEAR THOSE HORSES? IT MUST BE THE TROOPS!
IT IS!--- I KNOW, I SHOULDN'T DO THIS, YOU'RE A BANDIT, AN'----- WELL, YA BETTER GET OUTTA HERE, PABLO
GRACIAS, AMIGO, WE MEET AGAIN SOMETIME! HASTA LUEGA!
LATER–
YOU WERE MAGNIFICENT, SENOR WARD, TO BAD PABLO, HIMSELF ESCAPED
ER-AH-YEAH! LET'S GET BACK TO TOWN, MR. PRESIDENT!
BUT HAS A CHANCE AT THE TITLE ONCE AGAIN SLIPPED THROUGH KAYO'S FINGERS? READ THE NEXT PEP COMICS -

BENTLEY
of SCOTLAND YARD
IN THE EERIE SILENCE OF A LONELY OAK GROVE, THE ANCIENT ORDER OF DRUIDS MEETS AND PERFORMS ITS SACRED RITUAL THROUGH THE CENTURIES, ALL WHO DARE TO TRESPASS ON THEIR GROVE ARE SUBJECT TO THEIR ANCIENT AND TERRIBLE CURSE!
ONE NIGHT SIR ROGER STEYNE, HIS WIFE, THEIR DAUGHTER AND HER FIANCE ARE TALKING EXCITEDLY!
COME, COME SIR ROGER YOU DON'T BELIEVE THE DRUIDS WALK AT NIGHT, DO YOU?
I CAN'T GET OVER THAT FOOL ALFRED GOING WALKING ON DRUID NIGHT
J. COOPER

SUDDENLY
LOOK QUICKLY, IT'S ALFRED! HE LOOKS AS THOUGH HE'S MET WITH AN ACCIDENT!
OUTSIDE, A FIGURE STAGGERS ACROSS THE LAWN
AND ----
GREAT HEAVENS!
HE'S COLLAPSED!
HE LOOKS BADLY INJURED!
BY JOVE HE'S DEAD! I KNEW IT!
LOOK AT THOSE MARKS, THEY LOOK LIKE FANG MARKS! DO YOU SUPPOSE HE COULD HAVE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE!
JUST THEN
WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? I THOUGHT I HEARD EXCITED VOICES DOWN HERE!
THOSE MARKS, IT'S THE DRUID CURSE AGAIN!
NONSENSE, YOU DON'T PUT ANY STOCK IN THAT SILLY SUPERSTITION DO YOU? I'M GOING TO NOTIFY THE POLICE!

LATER, AT SCOTLAND YARD
GENTLEMEN, THERE'S BEEN A DEATH REPORTED UP AT SIR ROGER STEYNE'S PLACE AND SOMETHING ABOUT A DRUID CURSE HAUNTING THE PLACE
I WANT YOU TO RUN UP AND CHECK ON IT McCARTHY, I'M SURE IT'S NOTHING MORE THAN A ROUTINE
YOU KNOW IT'S POSSIBLE, THAT THERE 'S SOMETHING BEHIND THIS DRUID BUSINESS, CHIEF!
NON-SENSE, BENTLEY YOU'RE TOO SUS-PICIOUS!
AT THE STEYNE ESTATE
FIRST, I'D LIKE TO KNOW WHO'S WHO?
I'M SIR HAROLD STEYNE!---MY BROTHER, ROGER, HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER!
YOU CAN RETIRE IF YOU LIKE I'LL TAKE CARE OF THINGS FROM HERE ON!
THANK YOU DETECTIVE McCARTHY!
LATER THAT NIGHT, AT BENTLEY'S HOME....
RING
WHAT'S THAT! McCARTHY KILLED, I'LL BE RIGHT DOWN!
LATER
IT'S FANTAS-TIC, BENTLEY. HE WAS FOUND DEAD POISON-ED FROM A SNAKE BITE
I HAD A HUNCH THERE WAS SOME-THING TO THAT DRUID BUSI-NESS
I'M GOING TO HAVE A RUN UP THERE, MYSELF, AND HAVE A LOOK AROUND!
I WISH YOU WOULD BENTLEY!

LATER, BENTLEY ARRIVES AT THE HAUNTED OAK GROVE!
SO THIS IS THE PLACE WHERE THE SPOOKS HANG OUT!
SUDDENLY--
HMM!-- STRANGE!---- LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE WAS DIGGING FOR SOMETHING HERE
WHAT! WHERE'D YOU COME FROM!
I'LL FIND OUT WHAT'S UNDER THAT BED-SHEET!
THE HOODED FIGURE LASHES OUT LIGHTNING-LIKE. AND BENTLEY FALLS TO THE GROUND
AND ----
THEN IT DISAPPEARS IN THE DARKNESS!
MOMENTS LATER
OOO. WHAT A WALLOP!
MY LEG, IT'S NUMB, I CAN'T GET UP!

JUPITER! I'VE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THE VENOM.
I'LL HAVE TO TAKE MY CHANCES WITH THIS KNIFE!
BENTLEY THEN TAKES HIS KNIFE AND CUTS AWAY THE POISON FROM HIS LEG.
THIS'LL HOLD UNTIL I GET TO THE HOUSE
BACK AT THE HOUSE
BUT HOW ELSE CAN YOU EXPLAIN THOSE DEATHS!
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU TO BELIEVE IN SUCH NONSENSE, HAROLD!
SUDDENLY
WHAT'S THAT!
SOMEONE'S AT THE DOOR!
I'M INSPECTOR BENTLEY OF SCOTLAND YARD!
GREAT HEAVENS! WHAT'S HAPPENED TO YOU!
I'VE BEEN BITTEN BY A SNAKE, FOLKS---A HUMAN SNAKE, THE MURDERER OF INSPECTOR McCARTHY AND ALFRED STEYNE, AND HE'S IN THIS ROOM RIGHT NOW!
INSPECTOR BENTLEY KNOWS WHO THE MYSTERIOUS HOODED KILLER IS? DO YOU? CHECK THIS LIST AND THEN TURN TO THE NEXT PAGE ----
1. SIR ROGER STEYNE
2. HIS DAUGHTER, IRENE
3. HER FIANCE
4. HER BROTHER, HAROLD
5. LADY RUTH STEYNE

HAVE ANY OF YOU LEFT THE HOUSE THIS EVENING?
WHY, NO!
YOU'RE LYING! YOU WERE OUTSIDE TONIGHT. AS A MATTER OF FACT IT WAS YOU WHO ATTACKED ME IN THE OAK GROVE!
THIS BIT OF CRUSHED ACORN WHICH YOU SO CARELESSLY LEFT ON THE TIP OF YOUR SHOE CONVINCES ME!
YOU WERE DIGGING FOR GOLD --- DRUID GOLD WEREN'T YOU? YOU KNEW ABOUT THE DRUID PRACTICE OF BURYING THEIR WEALTH --- AND YOUR MIND BECAME CRAZED WITH THE OBSESSION OF FINDING IT!
OUT OF MY WAY YOU MEDDLER!
OOO! MY LEG!
YOU CAN'T GET AWAY! YOU FOOL!
YOU USED A SNAKE FOR YOUR MURDERING BECAUSE YOU KNEW THE SNAKE WAS THE SACRED SYMBOL OF THE DRUIDS --- AND ALL FOR GOLD YOU ONLY THOUGHT EXSISTED!
IT'S THERE I TELL YOU! --- I KNOW IT'S THERE AND I'D HAVE FOUND IT, BUT FOR YOU.
EVEN IF IT IS, IT'LL NEVER DO YOU ANY GOOD WHERE YOU'RE GOING! EITHER TO THE GALLOWS! --- OR AN INSANE ASYLUM!
WHEN ALFRED STEYNE AND McCARTHY STUMBLED ON YOU, YOU KILLED THEM. FORTUNATELY I WAS ABLE TO SAVE MY SELF!
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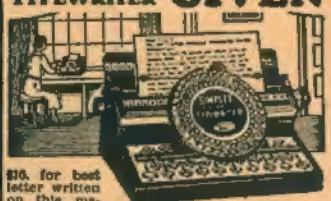

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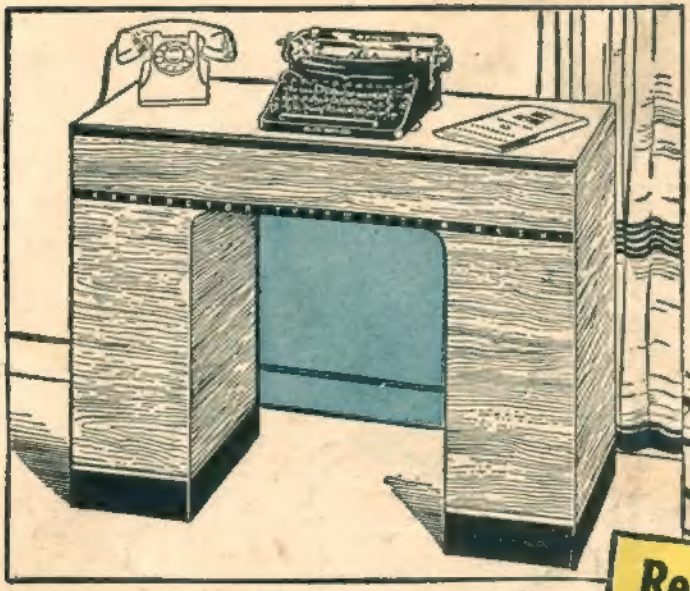

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